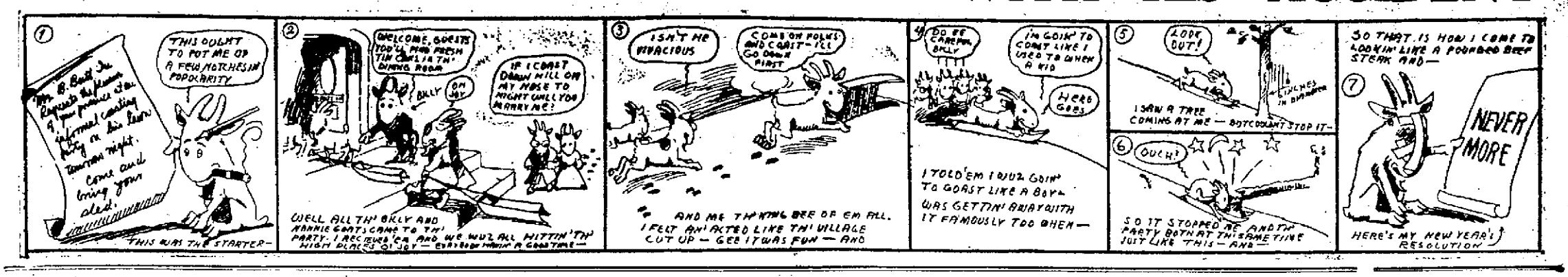
HOW HON. BILLY BUTT-IN MET WITH HIS ACCIDENT



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WARRINER SAVED TRIP TO PEN AT LAST MINUTE

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 31.—(Special To The Times)—An action by Prosecutor Hunt, at the last minute Friday, saved Chas. D. Warriner from spending New Year's eve—the first of a term of six years—behind the bars of the Ohio penitentiary. The object of the action is to allow Warriner to remain in Cincinnati to appear as a witness for the prosecution in the case against Mrs. Jeanette Ford.

The trial of Mrs. Ford is set for January 10, but Prosecutor Hunt believes it will be called before that time.

Warriner stood handcuffed to Moses Porter, negro wife murderer, awaiting the bus that was to convey them and three other prisoners, negroes, to the depot.

When Deputy Sheriff Bowman arrived at the jail at 7:30 Friday morning, he said, "I have here the court's commitment, ordering me to take you to Columbus today."

Warriner appealed to Jailer Kushman to be kept here over New Year's day.

"The only persons who can hold you here now are the court or Prosecutor Hunt," said Cushman. "I have no order from either. You will have to go. You can use this telephone here to say good bye to your wife. That's the most we can do for you."

Warriner went to the telephone in the outer office. With trembling hand he took down the receiver and called "Valley 36," his residence number.

"Hello. Is this you, dear?" he said. His voice trembled. "This is Charles. I am going today—"

He could stand it no longer. His voice broke. Tears welled to his eyes. Not for himself, but for the little woman whom he was leaving.

"Because," he added, as best his choking voice would let him, "you know it is best. It will soon be over. This start for there will be the hardest part. Be brave. Good by, and God protect you as I intended to do."

The receiver dropped from his shaking hand. He stood face to the wall an instant, then turned, facing the waiting jailer and the deputy sheriff.

"I am ready," he said.

At 7:50 he descended the jail steps to the areaway just inside the big iron grating. With him came down Moses Porter, negro, sentenced to life imprisonment for killing his wife; Major Penn, negro, two years for assault; King Rodgers, negro, two years for burglary, and May Ewing, negress, five years, for killing her lover. Deputy Sheriff Bowman entered and handcuffed the prisoners. The big outer door of the jail swung open.

"The bus is ready," shouted the driver.

"All ready here?" questioned Bowman perfunctorily. "All right."

Just then the telephone rang. Jailer Cushman answered it.

"You'd better talk to Bowman," he said to the party at the other end of the line.

Bowman left the prisoners and picked up the receiver.

"All right, if you order it. He won't go today, then," Bowman said. It was Prosecutor Hunt who had reprieved Warriner.

Frank Comstock, former treasurer of the Big Four, is in Cincinnati and Friday was in consultation with Judge Hackney, counsel of the Big Four. When Comstock was treasurer, Chas. Warriner was his cashier. Comstock was mentioned in one of the letters written by Mrs. Jeannette Ford.

EXPRESS CO. LOSES BY BLAZE

New York, Dec. 31.—Fire destroyed a block of ware houses and the office headquarters of the American Express company causing a loss of half a million. The burned buildings were located just behind the Grand Central station.

Carriers Greetings

The Times' carriers will offer their annual greetings to their patrons, Saturday, in the shape of a pretty calendar. The Times wishes its subscribers to say that this is a venture of the boys alone. It makes no difference to the paper whether or not anyone buys the calendar. If in good will to his carrier a subscriber sees fit to buy one well and good. Let him understand, however, that the boys get the calendars at such figures that they can well afford to sell them for 10 cents apiece.

BRYAN IS NOW AT KINGSTON

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 31.—William J. Bryan arrived here after a brief trip through Cuba. He expressed himself as extremely well pleased with the progress of the republic, and was convinced, through an interview with President Gomez, that the government will continue its enlightened policy. Mr. Bryan and family will leave here tomorrow for an eight days' visit to Panama, where he will look over the canal construction work.

Has The Asthma.

Mrs. Maurice Abrams, wife of the proprietor of the Harris House, is quite ill with an attack of asthma, from which she has been a sufferer for a considerable time.

BRING BABY ACROSS HALF FROZEN RIVER

Those who have read "Uncle Tom's Cabin" or have seen various productions on the stage of the celebrated war-time story, will remember that when Eliza in fleeing from her pursuers carried her little boy across the ice-bound Ohio.

Portsmouth had "Eliza crossing the ice" story late Thursday—one every bit as exciting to the principals, although the ice was a solid mass and not floating cakes. There were gaps and air-holes here and there, though, that made it most realistic.

The family of Mr. C. L. Smith, of Washington, Indiana, crossed the Ohio river at 4 o'clock. Mr. Smith carried an eight-months-old child, which henceforth will enjoy the unique distinction of being the youngest ever to cross the half-frozen Ohio river at this point. The Smith family came to Portsmouth from Huntington, W. Va., and had to lay over at the South Portsmouth depot several hours before they could make up their minds to venture on the ice. Several times the husband and wife felt the ice bending and cracking beneath them, but by good luck they made the passage in safety.

LABOR'S CASE IN HANDS OF HIGH COURT

Washington, Dec. 31.—The cross appeal of the American Federation of Labor in the Bucks Stove and Range Company case, in which that company sought to enjoin the federation from boycotting the goods of the company, was docketed in the supreme court of the United States.

This is the case in connection with which the contempt proceedings against President Gompers, Director Mitchell and Secretary Morrison arose in the courts of Washington and which resulted in sentences of imprisonment for all of them.

The contempt proceedings having been brought to the highest court by the process of a writ of certiorari, both branches of the case probably will be heard by the court about the same time.

When Boys Got Caught In Ice On Other Side

Director of Public Safety James P. Brennan says that in the early 70's he and about a dozen other Bonaffiddlers were skating on the Ohio, when a sudden break came in the ice and the whole crowd left on the Kentucky side of the river. This happened on a Sunday morning and as the ice was running out there was no way of getting back to that dear old Bonaffiddle. The crowd was taken care of on the Thompson farm below Beattyville, sleeping quarters being provided in the hay in the big barn. The boys did not get home until the next Tuesday evening but Jim says they had a great time.

Try to Settle Great Strike

Washington, Dec. 31.—An effort to straighten out the labor tangle growing out of the switchmen's strike on the railroads entering St. Paul was made at a conference here between H. B. Perham, of the American Federation of Labor, Chairman Knapp, of the interstate commerce commission, and Commissioner of Labor Neill.

Wade to Sell Soft Drinks

Clay Wade, who has been conducting the Acme hotel in East Portsmouth, on Friday opened up a soft drink establishment in the Biggs house.

Was Gift of All Employes

The diamond ring presented to George W. Keller, superintendent of the N. & W. terminals, and who has been transferred to a similar position at Roanoke, was the gift of the entire force at work at the terminals and was not presented to him alone by the roundhouse employes.

DID NOT GET ALL OF THE RECORDS

By not looking carefully enough over the records kept by Henry Faivre of when the Ohio river was frozen over, the Times' weather reporter missed the fact that the river was frozen from bank to bank in 1903 and again in 1905. In the year 1903 a cold snap almost as severe as the one that has been holding the community in its grip the past few days swept over this locality and sure enough the old stream "frize up." The river closed at 10 a. m., December 18th, and remained ice-bound until December 22nd. On the 4th of February, 1905, it closed again and no man knoweth how long it remained sealed up by the ice king. This was the last time it was closed to navigation by ice until yesterday.

SO 'BASHFUL' THAT HE TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

Toledo, O., Dec. 31.—Because his extreme bashfulness prevented him from having chums and companionship like other young men, Henry Welte, aged 22, shot himself yesterday with fatal results. In a note begging his parents' forgiveness for the act, he said:

"I am so bashful—I always have to stay in the house. I could not stand it any longer."

Welte was of melancholy disposition and had few associates. His parents know of no motive for his act other than the one he assigned.

Mrs. C. M. Howland will arrive home Friday evening from Alexandria where she has been visiting relatives.

Horn Soon to Resume Job

W. O. Horn, street car conductor, who was so painfully injured by falling into a barbed wire fence at Damarin hill a few days ago, has had the bandages removed from his face and will report for duty Monday. It is not thought his face will be scarred, although his nose and lips were cut clear through. Horn says he isn't so particular about his lip, as he can hide any scar with a mustache, but he knows of no scheme whereby he could hide his "Roman."

Challenge Dick For A Debate

Akron, O., Dec. 31.—O. C. Barber, well known as the "Match King," has issued an open challenge to Senator Dick to debate on the latter's stand on the railroad question and on his votes in the senate on tariff schedules.

Dick, about fifteen years ago, collected many thousands of dollars of back taxes from Barber, which was followed by Barber transferring his legal residence to New York and taking his match factory to the town of Barberton, which he founded.

Barber, in his letter, says that it is a debatable question whether or not Dick ought to be returned to the United States senate, and the match magnate offers to pay the expenses of a hall for the debate.

TRAIN IS DITCHED, 12 BURN TO DEATH

Trenton, Mo., Dec. 31.—Imprisoned in a tourist sleeping car and burned to death, is believed to be the fate of perhaps 12 passengers on westbound California special on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, near here this morning.

The number of victims may be larger, if tuthe facts will not be known until the debris of the car is searched.

The train was derailed while running at high speed. The engine, a standard Pullman sleeper and a tourist sleeper caught fire, and were destroyed, while a portion of the chair car was burned.

tA noon the known dead, whose bodies had been recovered were three—Fireman Lininger, and two unidentified women. Nine persons are known to have been injured, two of them fatally.

Claude West Mashes Finger

City Electrician Claude West mashed a finger badly in an accident at the Seventh street engine house Thursday evening. The injury was quite a painful one but the electrician is still on the job notwithstanding.

NEW YORK BANKER IS KILLED IN COLLISION

New York, Dec. 31.—Spencer Trask, one of New York's best known bankers, met death today in a disastrous rear-end collision on the New York Central railroad, at Croton, N. Y., in which three other passengers are reported to have been killed. Several persons were injured, some fatally.

Trask and other victims of the collision were in the rear sleeper of the second section of the Montreal express on the New York Central, which had been halted by a signal, when a freight crashed into it, telescoping the sleeper and damaging the next car forward.

Casualities for the most part were in the smoking compartment at the extreme rear of the sleeper where a group of passengers had gathered. Trask was on his way to this city from his home in Saratoga. None of the passengers of the forward cars were severely hurt.

OPEN BIDS FOR SEWER

Bids on the proposed sanitary sewer to be located between Second and Third street west of Court street were closed at the offices of the board of public service at noon Friday. Marion F. Shaw proposed to do the work for $473, Kelly Bros. $586.40, Monroe & Son $490 and W. H. Hudson $539.50.

Here From Columbus.

Charles Seidel, a local shoeworker, now employed at the Starner-Copeland factory in Columbus, is at home for a week's visit.

Sound Riot Alarm For A Goose Thief

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 31.—Late yesterday afternoon a riot alarm was sent into police headquarters, and when the police automobile, loaded down with policemen, dashed to West Sixth street, the officers were just in time to save James O'Neil from a possible lynching.

O'Neil had grabbed a live goose and several chickens from in front of a store at Sixth and Smith streets. In an instant 500 men, women and children poured out of the tenements, summoned by the cries of the proprietor of the store, and were at the heels of the daring thief. O'Neil ran until he was exhausted, and during the spring had choked the goose and chickens to death to stifle their squawks of fright.

The choking of the high-priced fowls aroused the ire of the mob, and they were getting ready to execute vengeance when the police arrived. O'Neil is being held for petit larceny.

HERE IS GOOD NEWS.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Advices received by the Weather Bureau in Washington indicate a general rise in temperature in the Ohio River region. There is no danger of a flood in that section, bureau officials said because of the low stage of the water in the river.

While it has been very cold, the low temperature will not be of long duration and not sufficient to cause a heavy freeze.

According to the reports received here there is nine feet of water in the Ohio at Cincinnati and five feet at Louisville. This, the Weather Bureau says, will make a heavy freeze impossible.

Is to Locate In Florida

L. S. Warrick, well known carpenter of East Seventh street, will leave the first of the year for Oscula, Florida. Mr. Warrick will look over the field in the south and if he finds conditions favorable will purchase a fruit farm and locate there. He will leave his family here for the present.

Say Good Bye To Friends

The members of the board of public service made the rounds of their several departments Friday and bade their friends goodbye. The new service director will be installed Saturday.

Wayne Allen Is At Home

Wayne A. Allen, C. & O. operator at South Portsmouth, Ky., returned home Friday from an extended trip through the south. While in the south Mr. Allen looked after some property which he owns there. Mr. Allen is enthusiastic about the south and says it is the garden spot of the country.

DIVIDE FLEET IN THE PACIFIC

Washington, Dec. 31.—On account of the growing importance of American interests in the far east and the difficulty of administering the whole fleet as now constituted, the navy department has decided to divide the Pacific fleet into two separate fleets to be known as the Asiatic fleet and the Pacific fleet.

GOT $10,000 FROM A BANK

Springfield, O., Dec. 31.—Testimony taken by Referee Frank Frank Krapp in the bankruptcy case of William Vale, New Carlisle stock buyer, shows that the private bank of New Carlisle allowed Vale to overdraw his account to $10,000. When he failed, it was testified, he owed the bank more than $14,000.

Vale was enabled to do an enormous business because he paid a few cents over the market price at all times.

Farmers are mourning the loss of their best buyer, but his generosity wrecked his fortune.

Stop Work on New Plant

On account of the extremely cold weather, work on the King brick plant at Damarin hill has been stopped. The plant, however, is nearly completed, and one of the owners, George Heinisch, stated Friday morning, that he hoped to have the plant in running order by the first of March. The concern, while not of an extra large capacity, is one of the most modern in the country.

It's a cinch I'll never get a mug decoration like this one in th' same way again for as you'll see by my explanation elsewhere on this page I've sworn off. I'll have to enjoy this weather of mine in some other way and that's why I took to th' river this a. m. with my skates. Say it's great—skatin' in the middle of the Ohio an' dodgin' air holes, ice bumps, etc., but what's life without fun and weather. And as to th' last named article here's a fresh assortment for today:

Indiana.—Fair warmer tonight, Saturday partly cloudy warmer.

Ohio.—Warmer, generally fair tonight and Saturday.

West Va.—Partly cloudy, warmer tonight, fair Saturday.

SOME WORLD FAMOUS WIZARDS OF THE AIR TO RACE IN $80,000 MEET IN CALIFORNIA.

Unless the Wright brothers, inventors of the aeroplane, interfere with successful injunction proceedings Los Angeles will have the first aviation tournament ever held on this continent, beginning January 10. More than a hundred wizards of the air have entered for the various contests and for the $80,000 in prizes which the Aero club and civic bodies in Los Angeles have hung up for the meeting. The successful aviation meetings held in France and England have stimulated interest in the science of aerial navigation here, and it is expected that thousands of persons from all parts of the country will journey to Los Angeles to witness the flights. The Wrights have steadfly declined all offers to enter contests for prizes, and they claim sole ownership to several attachments to all aeroplanes. They have threatened injunction proceedings to stop the Los Angeles contests. Every kind of flying machine known to science except that of the Wrights has been entered. Among the world famous entrants are: Glenn H. Curtiss, Hammondsport, N. Y.; Louis Paulhan, Paris; M. Maison, Paris; M. Miscarrol, Paris; Baroness de Laroche, France; Clifford B. Harmon, New York; H. P. Warner, Beloit, Wis.; Roy Knabenshue, Toledo; H. L. Twining, Los Angeles; J. C. Classen, Los Angeles; William Stevens, Los Angeles and Charles F. Willard, New York.

HOW APPLEGATE MET HIS DEATH

Of the killing of Thomas Applegate on Christmas night at Tolesboro, Ky., already mentioned in The Times, the Vanceburg Sun has the following details:

"While in a drunken condition Thomas Applegate, aged 24, forced his way into the home of Thomas Beckett, aged 65, at Tolesboro on Christmas night and cut him with a knife and cut him a third time, making a slash in his clothing when Beckett secured his shotgun and fired two shots, one of which took effect in Applegate's left breast and the other in the right. Applegate then turned and walked out into the road, a distance of about 60 feet when he fell and when his body was reached a few minutes later by his brothers, life was extinct.

"The way we heard the story is that Beckott had ordered Applegate out of his field some time previous to the trouble and Applegate had dared him to come out in the road after him. This trouble seemed to have been healed up and Applegate had assisted Mr. Beckett in killing hogs on the day of the killing and they had a disagreement over the amount of the pay he was to receive. Beckett was in bed when Applegate came up to his house with two younger brothers from Tolesboro. He stepped and called for Beckett to come out, but Mr. Beckett told him to go on home as he had been drinking and he didn't want any trouble with him. His brothers also tried to get him to go on home but he told them he would stay as long as he pleased, when they continued home and left him. Before they reached home they heard the shot that ended his life and rushed back to find him lying dead in the road."

COLUMBUS SALOONS TO BE CLOSED ON SUNDAY

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Mayor Marshall will, Saturday, issue an order to close all saloons Sunday and to observe the midnight closing ordinance at all times.

He has expressed himself as believing that it is necessary that restaurants remain open on Sunday to accommodate those who have no homes in the city and strangers, and as long as the restaurants in connection with saloons are properly conducted, and no liquor is sold, he will not molest them more than other restaurants.

The order regarding the closing of the saloons off from the restaurants will be strict.

The penalty, it is said, for anybody who does violate this provision will be the closing up of that particular place.

Nothing has as yet been said about the closing of billiard and the pool rooms when they are connected with saloons, but it is believed that Mayor Marshall will order them closed.

Wayne B. Wheeler, attorney for the Anti-Saloon league, was in conference for an hour Thursday morning with Mayor-elect George Marshall and Directors McCune and Holton. He declined to make any statement after the conference except to say that he came over to see what was done and that the league expected that Mr. Marshall would take any action necessary regarding Columbus saloons.

Adams Co. Man Was Crushed

John Kimmerly, of Peebles, Adams county, a veteran saw mill man, was run down and killed at Williamson, W. Va., by an N. & W. train. He was crossing the track to reach his hotel and was hit by a light engine.

Shoe Plants To Work

New Year's will not be observed by the various shoe factories in the city. Too many orders is the main reason, and, anyway, the factories gave their employes a day and a half during the week of Christmas. The banks will all be closed, but the retail stores in the main will be kept open during the entire day.

APPRAISERS TO ORGANIZE MONDAY

The recently elected real estate land appraisers will hold a meeting at the county auditor's office Monday morning, at which time they will organize by electing a vice president and secretary. The latter position, it is said, will fall to the lot of Roy McElhaney, while Ben F. Harwood will likely be elected president and Frank Strayer vice president. The appraisers pooh-hoo the idea that one of their number will be sent to New York to learn of the plans of appraising now in vogue in that state. They claim they are not going to follow the laws of the Empire state, but pay particular attention to the statutes of Ohio.

FLOYD WILLIAMS WITH NEW FIRM IN QUEEN CITY

Of the activities of a young Portsmouth lawyer who has located in Cincinnati, Friday's Enquirer said:

"With the beginning of the new year tomorrow a new law firm will come into existence, former Judge William Littleford having taken Attorneys Henry G. Frost and Amos P. Foster into partnership. Both Mr. Frost and Mr. Foster have been associated with Judge Littleford since he left the common pleas bench, but the partnership has just been formed. The new firm will be known as Littleford, Frost & Foster, and will occupy the large suite of offices in the First National bank building, which has just been vacated by the Kirby Realty company. Attorney Frost is a graduate of Miami college, and Attorney Foster of Dartmouth college. Floyd C. Williams and George W. Welch will be in charge of the office force under the new firm.

Floyd C. Williams, mentioned in the above, is a son of Captain Williams, of West Third street.

William Nash and wife of Rushville, Ind., are guests of relatives at South Portsmouth.

CROWDS FLOCK TO SEE RIVER

The unusual spectacle of the Ohio river closed completely by ice drew large crowds of people to the banks to witness the natural phenomenon Thursday afternoon and Friday.

Hundreds of people lined the Ohio shore and some ventured, rather timidly, it must be confessed, to walk out on the frozen surface. As has been related, some of these venturesome spirits paid up for their boldness by getting a cold bath in the icy waters. Fortunately, no serious accidents occurred.

It was stated Friday that the crew of the C. & O. ferry would make the attempt this evening to cut the ice from the wharfboat to the mouth of the Scioto river in the hopes of loosening up the gorge and starting the ice flow moving down the river, so that they may resume traffic with the ferry boat Saturday. This is rather hazardous work but the ferry crew believes the ice has thawed enough today for it to be accomplished.

THE MARKETS

Chicago, Dec. 31.—There was something surely doing on the board today. No one was idle. Grain was all held up until after the noon hour, then came a rumble in the wheat pit as if the bulls were beginning to realize something was about to drop, and the fun began. December wheat, which up to this hour had held up well with the close of yesterday, began to shoot the toboggan and the way the Bears hammered that cereal made the wisest Bull look like thirty cents. The hammering continued until the Bears had December wheat down, at the close, 6½ cents below the close of yesterday, sending some of the knowing ones who predicted that we would have a big December squeeze home much wiser but considerably poorer in purse. The decline was the largest at one day since the big Leiter deal.

Corn followed wheat and the close was 2c below yesterday. Oats also were one cent below the high point of the day.

It was certainly Black Friday in the grain pits for the Bulls and they do say 'twas all the doings of that man Patton, who heretofore has always been a big Bull but has changed to the Bear side. The close was very weak. Everybody closing their 1909 deals.

Opening.

Wheat Dec. $1.18; May $1.12⅝ July $1.02.

Corn Dec. 62⅞; May 67; July 66⅞.

Oats Dec. 44¼; May 45⅞; July 43½.

Corn Sept. 66¾.

Close.

Wheat Dec. $1.12; May $1.11½ July $1.01⅝; Sept. 98.

Corn Dec. 61¼; May 66½; July 66⅜.

Oats Dec. 43⅝; May 45½; July 43½; Sept. 40⅝.

Water Pipes Were Frozen

Thursday night's cold weather caused the water pipes to freeze at the Biggs house with the result that they bursted and flooded the kitchen this morning, doing considerable damage. To add to the troubles of the landlord, the gas pressure gave out for a short time and the hotel was without gas and water.

Judge Blair At Ironton

Judge Blair continues to improve nicely from his numerous face injuries sustained in his coasting accident of Tuesday evening. Just to show that it takes more than a collision with a tree to knock him out, the judge went to Ironton, bandages and all, to hold court during the day.

NOTICE OF SALE

At the door of the Mayor's Office, in the village of New Boston, Ohio, at one o'clock, p. m.,

Saturday, January 29th, 1910,

The Board of Education of said village will offer for sale at public auction the following real estate, to-wit:

All of lots numbered 610 and 611, of the Stewartsville Addition to the village of New Boston, as recorded on plat of said addition, and now on file at the County Auditor's office.

Terms of sale: Cash.

ROY H. COBURN, Clerk.
FRANK TAYLOR, President.
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Mr. Dodds Got Nice Present

S. N. Dodds of 306 Washington street, on Friday, received a box of oranges and a fine collection of sea shells from Orlando Beach, Florida. The sender of the gift is John Swander, Jr., a former Portsmouth boy, who is now touring the south as advance agent for the Al S. Evans stock company. Mr. Swander writes that his show is doing a fair business in the south.

Cross River On the Ice

A crowd of about thirty people crossed the Ohio on foot Friday afternoon to catch the C. & O. Accommodation leaving the depot at 2:10 p. m.

Is to Leave Pest House

The city health officials made preparations Friday to release a negro inmate of the pest house, who came here recently and who was isolated at the pest house on account of showing symptoms of having the small-pox. The negro is believed to have recovered from his dread disease and will be sent out of the city.

Wrong Name In the Article

The name of the New Boston lady who died Thursday, was Mrs. Charles Thomor, instead of Mrs. Charles Plummer, as stated in the account on another page.

Plant Is to Start Monday

The open hearth is the only part of the Portsmouth Steel Co. now in operation, owing to the death of Senator Whittaker, which occurred at Wheeling recently, and who was vice president of the local concern. The officials of the plant at this place are in attendance to the funeral which was held Friday. On Monday the plant will start up in every department for a long run as there are plenty of orders ahead and they are coming in with every mail.

IS TO PREACH ON SUNDAY

Rev. Walter Johnson, pastor of the Broadway Presbyterian church at Logansport, Ind., will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, at Sunday's morning and evening services. Rev. Johnson has been very highly recommended to the official board of the First Presbyterian church as a young minister of great promise and it may be that he will be extended a call to the pastorate of the local church.

Rev. Johnson is a brother-in-law of Dr. Vance of Cincinnati, who has occupied the pulpit at the First Presbyterian church several times since the resignation of Dr. Elder.

Papers In the Seiling Case

Attorney Mark A. Crawford, referee in bankruptcy, has received the papers in the L. H. Seiling company bankruptcy case, and will set a hearing for an early date. The schedule included fixes the liabilities at $10,118.25 and the assets $3,951.07.

The Flour Man.

F. De Sales Dundas, "The Marvel Flour Man," sales manager at Philadelphia of the Listman Mill Co., of La Crosse, Wis., is under the chaperonage of Council President Adam Pfau, looking up old Portsmouth acquaintances. Both physically and financially the world is going very well with him.

THREE GOOD MEN GIVE UP OFFICE

At the first of the year Members F. L. Marting, P. M. Streich and Noah J. Dever retire from the city's board of education. Each of these gentlemen have served nine years as members of the board and have made splendid officials, untiring in their efforts for the betterment of educational conditions, and their retirement is the occasion for widespread regret.

Member Marting was for three years president of the school board and was a very popular and successful executive. The balance of his time, along with Member Streich, has been employed on the building and repair committee, in which office both gentlemen have served admirably.

Member Dever has been chairman of the teachers and text book committee. It follows that the holder of this office must be a person of great diplomacy to make it a success and it goes without saying that this committee has been a splendid success under the leadership of Member Dever.

Much is due these untiring members of the school board who, for nine years, have given their time and effort unselfishly to the educational advancement of the youth of the city. They have helped to bring the schools of Portsmouth to the present high rank they now enjoy and have done so without hope of reward, further than the good will of the community in general. Their successors to the board of education are Messrs. Graf, Hudson and Milner, all able men, but who, nevertheless, will have to hustle to maintain the high standard of service rendered by the members who are retiring.

New Year Sermons By Dr. Robertson

In celebration of the New Year as well as the opening of the second year of the pastorate, Rev. Chas. S. Robertson will deliver an unusual series of Sunday evening sermons during the month of January. The themes will be as follows:

Jan. 2.—"Going Back to the Old Home."—A sermon to the heart.

Jan. 9.—"Science and the Bible." A sermon for honest doubters, for readers, for thinkers.

Jan. 16. "The Devil."—A different view than the usual.

Jan. 23.—"The Heroism of Christianity."—Repeated by the request of many.

Jan. 30.—Monthly praize service led by great choir.

There will be special music at every one of these services; more and even better music of that same inspiring character which is so pleasing the people every Sunday at the Second church. Everyone is cordially invited who is not connected with another church.

DEATH IS CAUSED BY AN ACCIDENT

"Death by accident," is the meagre information that accompanied the remains of Jeptha Irwin, former resident of this city, whose body arrived from Spokane, Washington, Friday noon.

Irwin met his death Christmas day at Spokane, where he had been located for the past three years. In what manner is not known, and will probably never be brought to light. When the body was examined at Fuller Bros.' morgue, where it was taken after it arrived in the city from its long journey across the continent, not a mark or scar was found upon it, yet the death certificate of the Spokane officials read that the man had met his end through an accident.

The first words received by relatives that Mr. Irwin had passed away came in a telegram to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Irwin, who reside just out of Lucasville. The father at once wired for the remains to be shipped home. They are at a loss to know how their son met his death as they were not even acquainted with the occupation he was following since locating in the west.

Mr. Irwin was about 43 years of age and was married to Miss Matilda Setgast and to them were born the following surviving children, Starley, Melissa, Livingston and Admiral. About three years ago Mr. Irwin went west to locate. His wife remained here and is now conducting a boarding house at New Boston. Besides his parents the deceased is survived by three brothers, Kendall, George and Clarence and one sister, Mary.

The remains will be taken to the family burial grounds at Harrisonville for interment, Saturday. Meanwhile relatives are making every effort to learn the cause of his death.

CONVICT ESCAPES FROM OHIO PEN

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Considerable mystery attaches to the escape of a pen convict, William Davis, alias Oscar McCabe, a long term convict, who made his getaway from the big institution in broad daylight today. He is thought to be with Frank Hironomous, a paroled prisoner who is missing from his accustomed haunts. Warden Jones has given the following description of the men and offers the customary $50 reward for their recapture:

Wm. Davis, alias Oscar McCabe, age 44 years, weight 190 pounds, height 5 feet 8 inches, hair dark chestnut, complexion fair, eyes blue; marks and scars—curved scar three quarters of an inch long front left third finger oblique, scar half inch long inner left palm nail of left third finger, deformed right third finger, off at third joint; when lats seen wore long gray overcoat; escaped from Ohio penitentiary at 10 a. m., December 31, 1909.

Frank Hironomous, age 18, five feet 10 inches, weight 160 pounds, hair chestnut, black complexion, medium dark eyes, steel blur marks, right middle finger deformed at third joint; is wanted at Ohio penitentiary for violation of parole. When last seen these two men were together. Fifty dollars reward will be paid for the arrest of either of above men.

Last Act Of Good Officer

The last official act of Squire Swearington of Fullerton, Ky., was the marrying of Miss Martha Gray of Portsmouth to Mr. Preston Messer of Shultz, Ky., at his office Friday afternoon. Squire Swearington is succeeded by J. N. Brickey, Democrat, as magistrate.

ARE TO NAME COMMISSION

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Attorney General Denman has ruled that the Civil Service Commission is appointed by the president of the city sinking fund trustees, president of council and president of the board of education. BLAKE.

Dan, a young son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Milhuff, of 1416 Findlay street, is seriously ill, threatened with pneumonia.

LICENSED TO MARRY

Jasper N. Stephens, 32, minister of gospel, city, and Charlotte Throckmorton, 21, of Duck Run. Rev. J. F. Brauman.

Prayer Meeting.

In accordance with their usual custom the First Presbyterian church will hold a prayer and praise meeting tomorrow, (New Year's) morning at nine o'clock.

VOLCANOES IN MARYLAND.

Prove to Be the Oldest Rock Formation in the United States.

Prof. Philip R. Uhler gives an account of a discovery which he made in the western Maryland mountains, says the Baltimore American. Three peaks, the principal one named Buzzard's Knob, crown a plateau about six miles from the city. It was for Prof. Uhler to discover that the three prominences are in fact volcanoes, and that they are the very oldest type of volcanic rock that is found in the United States.

These peaks are of a different form from volcanoes like Vesuvius. In the latter form of volcano molten lava and stones are forced up by superheated steam, leaving a deep hole, but in these craters in western Maryland the whole mountain was originally in a molten condition and the top crust was forced upward in a dome-shaped form, and such lava as did escape was forced out in vents at various places. The volcanic rock of the region is metal-bearing, and specimens of gray, green and gold copper were found by Dr. Uhler. The domes of the craters were somewhat elliptical in shape.

In Mountain Climbing.

The highest point at which climbers have stayed for any length of time is 20,592 feet, on the Himalayas, where an exploring party painfully stayed for six weeks in 1902. Higher still, at 21,610 feet, is the extreme point of Mrs. Bullock Workman's ascents, the greatest height reached by a woman. Mr. Bullock Workman kept on to a point 23,392 feet high, which is the greatest height reached by any mountain climber. The altitudes reached by Mr. and Mrs. Bullock Workman were above those at which M. Berson, the aeronaut, began his artificial inhalation of oxygen. At 26,240 feet the aeronauts in general begin the continued inspiration of oxygen, and neglect of this precaution was responsible for the death of MM. Croce, Spinelli and Sirel at 25,203 feet, and their companion, Tissander, just escaping by a miracle.

Mount Everest, the highest point of the globe, is only some 700 feet higher, 29,056 feet, and 3,000 above that begin the cirrus clouds that are composed of spicules of ice. At 35,424 feet is the highest point ever reached by man. This is the height attained by M. Berson in his balloon on July 31, 1901.—London Post.

His Muscles Obey Him.

Medical circles in Vienna are being edified by some remarkable examples of muscular action which a man aged about 30 years is showing. His power over his muscles is so great that he can perform feats that would usually be deemed incredible. He can contract his abdominal muscles so as to show an undulating movement passing upward and downward; his larynx goes up and down without the aid of the tongue, and he can even cause his pupils either to contract or dilate thus showing the influence of will over so-called involuntary actions.

By contracting the diaphragm he is able to displace his heart by four inches. One of his marvelous feats, narrated by a Lancet correspondent, is the "transposition of the intestines into the space occupied usually by the lungs.—Exchange.

Oxygen to Cut Metals.

Diamond may cut diamond, but oxygen cuts metals, at least at Liege. There there is a daily exhibition of the lottrand process for cutting metals by a jet of oxygen. The apparatus consists essentially in blow pipes, moved along a guide in front of the metal plates or part to be cut at the rate of about six inches per minute.

One of the blow pipes delivers an oxyhydrogen flame, which raises the metal where it is to be cut to a temperature corresponding with dark red. The following blow pipe delivers a jet of pure oxygen which enters into combustion with the hot metal, thus producing a clear channel like a saw cut about one-eighth inch thick, the remainder of the metal being unaffected by the operating.—Exchange.

A Real Rapid-Fire Gun.

A new death-dealing instrument has been invented. A Lithuanian gentleman, M. Feodor Trotts, has contrived a gun, worked by electricity, which will fire from 9,000 to 12,000 shots a minute. The range of this new weapon is three miles, and its destructive power, if all claims on its behalf are genuine, should put in the shade such trivial toys as magazine rifles. The gun only requires one man to work it.

Luminous Shrimps.

Luminous shrimps have been discovered by the Prince of Monaco in the course of his deep sea fishing in the Mediterranean. They live at a depth of from 1,100 to 1,600 fathoms. They are of the size of fine prawns, and are studded with small phosphorescent spots. These light their way in the gloom of the deep waters.—Exchange.

Railways in Mexico.

In Mexico railways are being extended and facilities for transportation are being improved. The port of Vera Cruz has, at a cost of some $15,000,000, been made into one of the finest harbors in the world, and its miles of magnificent stone quays shame the flimsy wooden water fronts that characterize New York and San Francisco.

An Offense to Royalty.

A governess named Kathie Schmidt was prosecuted for lese majeste because she wrote her name in a visitors' book at a hotel at Gross-Lichterfelde, immediately beneath the signatures of the king of Saxony and the two princesses.

It is always better to take things as they come than to attempt to catch them as they go.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Frank S. Bogy entertained her music pupils at an informal musical at her home on East Second street Friday afternoon.

The following impromptu program was given entirely without notes:

"Il Bacio" Arditi, mandolins and guitar, the Misses Waller.

"Old Black Joe and His Banjo" Gottschalk-Sidus, Morine Augustin.

"Jewel Dance" Engelmann, Katherine Wheeler.

"Shepherds Evening Song" Baldwin, Carroll Augustin.

"My Old Kentucky Home," Marcella Sommer.

Recitation, Salome Augustin.

"Barcarolle" Fearis, May Shaw.

"Marche of the Little Sages," Olive Chinn.

"Fable" Schmoll, Kathleen Fisher.

"Heilege Nacht" (vocal) Hadyn C. Augustin.

"Li Etoiles D'or", Abbis Smith.

"Star of Heaven," Herbert Kalb.

Recitation, Alberta Meier.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Bogy assisted by Carroll Augustin and Margaret Fisher after which all joined in singing the Christmas carol "Little Children Can You Tell" the accompaniment played by Kathleen Fisher.

Dainty art calendars tied with holly red ribbons were distributed from the Christmas tree reminders of the flight of time in the golden days of youth.

After an enjoyable afternoon good-byes were said, all wishing each other and their dearly loved teacher a happy New-year and as much pleasure and profit in their mutual relations as in 1909.

German M. E. Young Women's Missionary Society have deferred next week's regular meeting until after next week's series of meetings at the church.

A fruit and nut social was held at the Christian church Thursday evening, many being the nuts and jokes "cracked."

On New-year's afternoon, Mrs. D. B. Cotton and daughter, Mrs. W. H. Schwartz will receive callers informally, from 2 until 5 o'clock, in honor of their visitor, Mrs. Steven E. Coue of Cincinnati. No invitations except through the press are extended and it is desired that all friends call without further notice.

Owing to the death of a grandchild, Mrs. Horace Thomas has deferred entertaining her Second Presbyterian Sunday school class at the home of Mrs. T. M. Patterson, a member of the class of 16 women.

Midst loveliest of Christmas decorations, Miss Katharine Strayer entertained about thirty friends at cards Thursday afternoon in honor of her childhood friend, Miss Marjorie Hibbs of Los Angeles, Cal., and also for Misses Elizabeth Watkins and Mary York's other guests Misses Josephine Lacy and Winifred Maxon of Los Angeles, Cal., both special friends of Miss Hibbs. The tally at cards was made by Miss Teresa Kennedy and the pretty Christmas score cards showed that an out-of-town guest, Miss Ruth Ferguson's visitor, Miss Martha Jones of Zanesville and Miss Persis Pursell, were tie for honors. In the cut Miss Jones won and her prize was a beautiful box of note paper. The second favor was won by Miss Margaret Patterson in a cut with nine girls. Her prizes as a choice favor—a sterling silver bodkin with the accompanying ribbons. Each of the guests of honor were presented with an art needle work favor, the dainty work of the sweet and pretty young hostess. The Christmas refreshments elegantly served by the mother of the host, Mrs. J. F. Strayer, were unusually excellent.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Tyree of Quincy, Ky., is visiting Portsmouth friends.

Masters Richard and Vance Duduit are visiting their grandparents, Captain and Mrs. H. R. Browne of Ironton. They will come home next Monday morning and with their father, Mr. F. E. Duduit, Jr., will stay at the Duduit homestead on East Second street during the illness of their sister, Elizabeth, whose case of scarlet fever is regarded as not unusually severe.

On January the 12th Mrs. W. A. Hutchins will be host at the next meeting of the Wednesday club which held this Christmas-tide meeting at the home of Mrs. R. O. LeBaron with the following as guests of honor: Mrs. George Ball's daughter, Mrs. Lovell Nelson of Chicago, Miss Bertha Waite of Washington, D. C., who is here to remain until Sunday as guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert D. Waite.

Miss Edith Rotroff of Peebles, is guest of Miss Pauline Oakes of Gallia.

Misses Inez and Alma Morris of East Fourth entertained at six o'clock dinner in honor of Miss Mary Lloyd of Oak Hill, here from college of music, Cincinnati to spend part of Christmas vacation

Midst beautiful Christmas decorations of scarlet and green Mrs J. J. Rardin entertained with a pretty Kensington, Thursday afternoon in compliment to her daughter Mrs. G. L. Davis of Tokio, Japan, and her bride daughter-in-law, Mrs. Earl Rardin. Another honored guest was Miss Bertha Waite of Washington, D. C., formerly of this city. Very delightfully the passing moment were pleasingly enlivened with music by two fine musicians, Miss Lollie Anderson, pianist and Mrs. Earl Rardin, a violinist. A delectable two course Christmas repast preceded the home going.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Foster of Jackson and Mrs. S. E. Reynolds of Huntington, W. Va., are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Williams of 222 Gallia avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Doty's holiday guests, their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Minshall of Chillicothe have returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith and children Dorothy and Mildred will go to Stockdale to spend New Years as guests of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Williams of 222 Gallia will keep open house New Year's afternoon and cordially desire their friends to call without further notice, as no invitations other than this press notice will be given.

Mrs. Harry Doty and her children of Chillicothe have joined her brother Lieutenant Dice of Fort Tatten, N. Y., in a holida visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dice.

Mr. Mather Moffett of Ironton was guest of Mr. William Bolles, while here to attend the Denizen club's holiday hop.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Fowler's home on Grant street was the scene of a large and delightful holiday party in honor of Miss Grace Smith, of Waverly, a high school teacher at the Ohio Sailors' and Soldiers' Orphans' home at Xenia, and also complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warman, of Fort Worth, Texas.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hauck, of Offnere street, will be the scene of one of the merry watch night parties on New Year's eve.

At his home on West Eighth, Rev. F. D. Conger officiated at the wedding of Miss Lenora Lacy and Mr. Lawrence F. Schrader Thursday evening.

Miss Sadie Maule will entertain her Bigelow Sunday school class with a holiday party on watch night.

High school class 1909 will participate in a watch night party New Year's eve at Seel's parlors.

Mrs. A. B. Gardner, of Clemson college, S. C., arrived Friday for a visit to her mother, Mrs. Charles Rauch.

At her lovely new home in its gala Christmas dress of scarlet and green, Miss Beatrice Nave entertained with a pretty holiday chafing dish party on Thursday evening. The guests were 12 couples of boys and girls, most of the company being at home from college for the holidays. The only out-of-town guest was Miss Madaline Baird, of Columbus, formerly of this city.

Miss Alice Naill has returned home to Ironton at the end of a visit to her sister, Mrs. Charles Kugelman.

Misses Helen Sprague and Gladys Wittenberg are spending holiday week delightfully at the home of Miss Marie Worley of Friendship.

Misses Carrie and Ruth Bickel of Chillicothe are visiting Miss Frances Robbins of Highland avenue.

Miss Mary Bliss, of Little Rocking, is holiday guest of Miss Laura Halderman.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jordan will be hosts at the next regular meeting of the Scioto Bridge club, January 12th.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lake entertained with a turkey supper the Wednesday Afternoon Kensington matrons and their husbands, an exceedingly enjoyable occasion of the holiday season of 1909.

Mrs. Oscar Wilhelm will be host at the January meeting of the Second Presbyterian Women's Missionary society, which held the holiday week meeting at the home of Mrs. W. W. Gates, with Meadames Welsh, Nodler, Kahmer, Peebles, Draper and Freund as assistant hosts. The program was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Edward Riley, and included missionary readings by Mrs. Charles Zull and Miss Mary Smith; recitations by little Misses Helen Dowling and Ruth Sprague, and Christmas music and a Christmas poem by Mrs. Edgar F. Draper. Guests of honor were Mrs. Grant Williams' sister, Mrs. S. E. Reynolds, of Huntington, W. Va.;; Mrs. William Wamser's mother, Mrs. Samuel Garvin, of Courtland, N. Y., and Mrs. Gates' sister-in-law, Mrs. Edward Gates, of Cincinnati.

Christmas refreshments preceded the home-going. The election will be held at the regular time in January at the church. A missionary supper will be given late in January with husbands of members as honored guests.

Mrs. F. J. Kelley entertained her pupils with a matinee recital Thursday afternoon at her home on East Eleventh street. A number of the junior pupils took part as follows: Edna Korth, Margaret Werner, Verdi Blackburn, Lida Schwegler, Dorothy Bender, Clarence Stealley, Mary Baron, Earl Westwood, Alberta Maier and Mildred Neff. Refreshments served were ice cream, cakes and bon bons.

Miss Kate Heron of Connersville, Ind., arrived Friday to visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. S. M. Johnson.

Mrs. Edward Gates and children of Cincinnati, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Irving Drew and other Portsmouth relatives.

Miss Austin Doyle who entertained informally, a few friends with a chafing dish lunch in honor her visitor, Miss Neva Pendergrass of Waverly, will also entertain with a watch night party. On Friday Miss Pendergrass's brother, Mrs. James Pendergrass entertained her and her hostess at dinner at the Patton home where he resides while in this city.

Misses Marie and Jean Brushart's home was the scene of a chafing dish lunch Thursday evening in honor of their visitor, Miss Ione Cornahan of Columbus, whom also they will honor with a watch night chafing dish party New Year's eve.

Miss Nellie Menke was host at a delightful holiday business and social meeting of the Otterbein Society, Thursday evening, at her home on Highland street.

Miss Katharine Halderman entertained with a holiday card party on Thursday evening at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Halderman of East Ninth, still in its beautiful Christmas-tide decorations of brilliant scarlet midst refreshing evergreens, the effect being magical in the effulgence from many red shaded lights, when the following group of guests were merrily assembled around the card tables. Misses Mary Davidson, Irma Bauer, Helen Rice, Vinnie Dawson, Leola Faivre, Jean Berthold, Lucile Carlyle, Lillian Hancock, Mary Nodler, Katharine Halderman, Messrs. Paul Harsha, John Grimes Howard McCoy, Barton Dupre, Donald Brown, Earl Applegate, Charles Turley, Lynn Wittenberg, William Thomas, H. A. Marting, Wallace Drew, Gilbert Mickletiwait.

In the game of five handed euchre the first prizes were won by Miss Jean Berthold who received a box of stationery and Mr. Barton Dupre, whose favor was a poster picture. The consolation prize winners and their trophies were Mr. John Grimes, a bar of soap; Miss Lucile Carlyle, a bottle of perfume.

Heart shaped ices and diamond and club shaped cakes and Christmas bon bons were the refreshments served at the card tables by the host's sister, Miss Laura Halderman, her special friend, Miss Kate Moeller and by Miss Stephanie Holman, a cousin of the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Powers, a bride and groom of this city, Mr. Reed Hardy of Pittsburg and Mrs. Carl Hansen's visitor, and Miss Cosetta Bratton of Buffalo, N. Y., were guests of honor when Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lake entertained the Wednesday Kensington matrons and their husbands with a turkey diner Thursday evening, midst the most cheerful Christmas-tide environment. The occasion was enlivened with music by Prof. Mastrapaolo's locally famous orchestra.

Miss Lydia Giesler will be host at the next meeting of the C. C. C.'s which participated in a holiday spread at the home of Miss Miriam Haas.

Miss Laura Halderman and Miss Katharine Moeller have gone to spend a few days with Mrs. Grace Finch Burnside of Westerville near Columbus.

Mrs. William Kellogg of Franklin Furnace was recently guest of relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reinhart and family of Franklin avenue, are at home from Dayton, where they went to spend Christmas.

Bigelow Home Guards and Mothers Jewels have deferred the meeting dated for Saturday afternoon until weather is more favorable.

On Thursday evening the Gibbons club met in holiday session the first of the past advent meetings and a very delightful reunion of members with the following out-of-town visitors as guests of honor: Miss Gertrude Wright of Useline Academy, Brown Co., guest of Miss Salome Augustin, for the holidays from the Ursoline; Miss Margaret Casey of Ironton, guest of Miss Gertrude Stegman, Mr. Richard Babnert of Columbus.

In the games prizes were won by Miss Emma Haubert, a deck of cards, as first favor; Mr. Chas. Forest, a safety razor, as second favor; Mr. James Distel, a deck of cards as third favor and Mr. Charles Seidle as booby favor, a rubber ball.

Refreshments follow[illegible] cards. Mr. Dan Flannigan [illegible] Mr. Lou Sommers will be h[illegible] of the next meeting wh[illegible] clock trial will be presented b[illegible] members of the club.

A holiday visitor, here, Mrs. Joseph Carroll's sister, Mrs. A. W. Dietrich, has returned home to Milford.

The Clio club will meet in holiday week session Friday evening at the home of Mrs. William Bond of Timmonds avenue.

Mrs. A. L. Hammel's entertainment of the Kaffee Klatch's in holiday session, Thursday afternoon, was deferred until after the holidays.

Mrs. Edwin Pray entertained the Friday Kensington in holiday week session Friday afternoon.

Miss Mildred Chick is at home from the Western College, Oxford to spend the holiday vacation.

Miss Roma Lambert of Wheelersburg is guest of Mrs. O. W. Rohe of East Eleventh.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Ridenour's home will be the scene of a family watch night party, New Year's eve.

Misses Emma and Isabel Questel went to Columbus to visit until Monday, Mrs. Sargent Gabble.

Mrs. Lorin Yost of Troy, who is visiting her relatives, the venerable Mr. Charles Ehrlich and Judge and Mrs. F. L. Sikes of Sciotoville, was a visitor here on Friday and the subject of much congratulation regarding the denouncement of the famous Sikes case. When Mr. Ehrlich heard the good news regarding his son-in-law, Judge Sikes, he, though recently partially paralyzed, got up out of his chair and walked the floor and clapped his hands for joy over the final good result of the case which had worried him considerably, though, of course, he always thoroughly believed that Mr. Sikes was not guilty of the charge against him.

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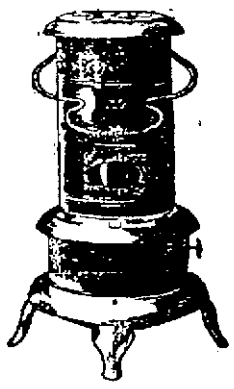

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A VAGUE HINT.

The Blade handled the Sikes case very gingerly and with skeltonized brevity as though it thought the thing were loaded. One observation it made is worth study. It said: "This," the verdict of acquittal—"was not a surprise to those who heard the verdict. It did not take a mind reader to see that the jury was not in sympathy with the prosecution." Jurors are not expected to be that way. If they were they would not be qualified to sit in the case. The remark, coupled with its general attitude on the case gives a hint that deep down its boots it too looked upon the matter as a persecution instead of a prosecution and it had a suspicion all along that its gang was going to get another jolt through it.

The gang may persecute, but the jury can and does acquit.

A NATURAL RIGHT.

A Kansas City judge can lay no claim to being wisor than Solomon, because of his decree that going shopping, especially when there are bargain sales on, is the inalienable right of woman. In the first place every merchant has a right to keep shop and hold bargain sales, which he could not do if it were not for fair woman, and in the second, last and only essential place woman was created for bargain sales. Sure she was, because she never does anything as a sex but what is her will and what is her will is the way she was born to. Mere man may set his reason against her instinct, but it requires neither the learning nor the decree of a Missouri judge to crush reason in the rush of instinct.

This weather is intolerable enough in itself without using it to build upon dire predictions of flood and further disaster.

SO WISE MEN SAY.

Census figures show there are annually 532 arrests for every 10,000 of population. Uncle Sam's experts say the proportion of arrests is no proof of excessive lawlessness in a city, but rather evidence of the activity of the police and local conditions, though not offering hint as to what conditions. It is a blessed assurance since there are more arrests, proportionately to population in Washington than in any other city, and otherwise it might be taken that familiarity breeds contempt for the laws as of everything else. Washington being the seat of the national law factory. Another fact the experts do not figure out to its full bearing, in stating the number of arrests, is that fully thirty-five precent is for drunkenness and for this offense the same person is arrested several times a year, while in some towns the policy is to not "run in" for this at all.

It can hardly be claimed that Edgar Millar earned any part of the salary of assistant prosecuting attorney by his appearance in the Sikes case.

ALL IS TOTTERING.

The Clark gang, though ever too strong in the town, never considered that its bulwark. Now the city has repudiated it entirely it turns hope stronger than ever to the country. Even there however, it sees its power tottering. As a rule, owing to their isolation the county people are slower to change and revolt, but for that very reason they become all the more determined to go their new course when they once determine upon it. The voters out in the county have been showing a growing restiveness for several years. In one or two instances in the primaries they have actually repudiated the gang. Now, however they are paying closer attention to public affairs, they are putting their heads together and drawing their own conclusions. Two things have had the most to do with this. They saw Portsmouth shake off the gang and get more paved streets and more improvements for the taxes it paid than it ever got before, while they see themselves holding on to the gang and the roads and everything else going down, with only their taxes going up. They have seen the whole power of the gang brought to bear to secure the conviction of a Republican who so far as they believe and the verdict of a jury shows, has done naught else than incur the enmity of the gang, though no attempt has ever been made to bring any other alleged derelict county official to judgment. This staggers their sense of official efficiency and fair play. They are consequently forming the clear idea that the only way to right things is to have a complete change, just as was had in the city. No sir, 1910 does not promise to be a happy year for the gang.

The gang is getting satisfactorily fast a part of what has long been due it.

A STERN RESOLVE

Kentucky editors met in convention, this week, and with one loud voice, resolved they would not lend themselves to the schemes of a new school of publicity agents, who drawing regal salaries themselves, dupe newspapers into giving full countless columns for the exploitation of western cities. It is a high and noble resolve, but the question is how many of the editors will keep it?

And when they were about it, why did they not go the whole hog, so to speak? The publicity agents are by no means the only craftsmen working the press as easy marks. There are the automobile manufacturers, the aeroplane inventors, the tire men and the horde with axes to grind, all and each imposing more or less. Were all given what they ask there is not a press in the country that could print paper big enough to hold compliance with their modest requests. Yet everyone of them gets something from some editor. From the nature of things it seems impossible for a newspaper to keep from footing some other fellow's horn, but there should be discrimination in this footing and the more discrimination the better. There ought ever be enough not to give away that esteemed value to "foreigners," who have never given patronage to the paper and who would scoff at the bare suggestion that they might.

It has not been such a bad old year after all. It at least ends well a bad start.

Taft hopes to settle the row between Ballinger and Pinchot by recommending to congress that it pass more legislation for the conservation of natural resources. In other words the babies have the colic and he is going to quiet them by shaking the tin rattle.

A wish for a happy New Year may not bring it, but it will make the friend to whom you extend it feel better and more hopeful.

PROMOTIONS AT THE EXCELSIOR

Several promotions have followed the resignation of Frank Keller, as foreman of the No. 1 welt lasting room at the Excelsior. Mr. Keller gives up his duties on the account of his health, but will remain in the Excelsior's employ as night watchman, besides dividing his time with the farm he recently purchased.

Robert George, foreman of the McKay room, will succeed Mr. Keller in the welt room, and George Oldfield, a McKay operator, takes the position of foreman vacated by Mr. George.

Mr. Raymond Bivens of Wilberforce university, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Moses White.

HOW 2 AMERICANS MET THEIR FATE IN NICARAGUA

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 31.—Recent reports that Groce and Cannon, the American recruits in the insurgent army who were put to death at the command of President Zelaya, were tortured before being shot are untrue.

The facts were in possession of the state department at Washington a month ago and it was generally supposed that the details of the tragedy had been given publicity through official channels.

Groce and Cannon were notified of the death charges imposed upon them at 10.30 o'clock on the night of November 15. They were executed at 10 o'clock the following morn. As they were marched out of the fortress a drizzling rain fell. On the way to the execution they passed the graves that had been prepared for them. At one time Groce stepped out of the line of march and pleaded with General Medina:

"Do not shoot me, I am a brother Mason."

Cannon quickly seized his companion and pulling him back into line, said:

"Brace up, old man, we have no chance under Zelaya's orders."

Standing in the center of the square formed by 500 soldiers, the two men heard their sentence read from the four corners together with the usual warning in such cases:

"Any one displaying evidence of sympathy will be shot in similar fashion."

The hands of the condemned men were bound and their eyes blindfolded. Cannon shook his head attempting to prevent the bandages being placed over his face, but his protest was unavailing. They were seated on a low bench side by side. The firing squad was made up of twelve soldiers who advanced in three rows within six feet of their victims. Captain Constantino Saenz was in command and instructed two soldiers at the right to fire upon Groce and two soldiers at the left to fire upon Cannon. All four bullets were effective. Groce was shot through the heart and death was instantaneous. The bullets intended for Cannon tore the breast and abdomen. He survived his wounds a few seconds. When the body of Groce was buried a blanket hid the features, but the body of Cannon was buried without any protecting cover.

Paint Peels Off

Some times. That is because neither the right materials nor good workmanship is employed. Get Brehmer, Home phone 917, to do the job and then you can be satisfied. You will meet with no such dissatisfaction.

SEAT SALE ON SATURDAY

The sale of seats for "The Three Twins," Jos. M. Gaites, big Musical Comedy Co. opens tomorrow morning and should go with a rush as this is the largest and best company of its kind that has ever been to the Grand. Patrons having any other events for the evening will be able to get away from this splendid show by 10.30 and still have plenty of time for their share of entertainment. This fine production is one of the rare treats of the season and should be well attended as good plays are very scarce at present and patrons should not fail to see the good ones. The management can guarantee this production as being the largest ever in the city and as they will arrive Sunday afternoon people will have an opportunity to verify the press statements as to the magnitude of the production. Don't forget the sale tomorrow.

Good Time to Fill Cisterns

Some thoughtful person telephoned The Times Friday, suggesting this was a splendid time for the people thoughout the city to fill their cisterns, while the Ohio river is full of "ice water."

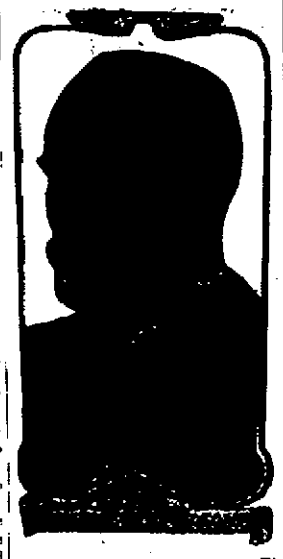
So get hep!

Makes Visit To His Son

N. W. Spratt of Richwood, Union Co., arrived in the city Friday for a visit to his son Charles Spratt, undertaker at Lynn's.

This is Mr. Spratt's first visit to the Peerless and was surprised to find it such a thriving place, as he had been led to believe Portsmouth to be simply an overgrown village, instead of a real live city.

CABINET MEMBER SEEKS CAUSE OF HIGH FOOD PRICES



Washington, Dec. 31.—The steady increase in the cost of living is being critically investigated by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson. He is seeking to ascertain the exact profits of those who retail food products. He desires to settle the problem whether the soaring prices are caused by the farmer receiving more for his output, whether the wholesaler is demanding exorbitant profits or whether the retailer is securing abnormal benefits.

Big Strike Adjusted

Richmond, Va., Dec. 31.—The boiler and tank shopmen at the Richmond plant of the American Locomotive works, who have been out for several weeks on a strike, will take up their tools Monday. The disagreements which caused the strike have been adjusted.

The strike involved 150 men besides those who returned. This strike is in conjunction with the general strike involving, it is said, 8000 men in Dunkirk, Montreal, Richmond, Pittsburg and Schenectady.

The local force of the boiler makers will be largely increased by the terms of the settlement. Men who were called in as strike-breakers will continue working, as the capacity of the big plant is crowded, an order for $500,000 worth of locomotives from the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, having just been booked.

Card of Thanks.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 30, 1909.

Editor Daily Times:

Dear Sir:—Please publish this in your next edition:

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woodley, of Cincinnati, wish to extend their many thanks to the friends and relatives for the kindness shown them during their recent death of their little daughter, Thelma.

Blade Has Accident

The Daily Blade is crippled by an accident in its press room department, a cog on its big press being stripped while making the run Thursday evening. The accident occurred when only a part of the edition was off and many Blade readers were disappointed Thursday night. It is necessary to send to Battle Creek, Michigan, to replace the broken cog and the Blade will be crippled for several days. The Times placed its press room at the disposal of the Blade Friday, but it was hoped by the management of that paper to get out some sort of a paper on their own equipment.

It certainly is hard luck and The Times, from the memory of troubles of its own, knows how the Blade must feel about it.

Returns Home.

Marshall W. Parker of Pittsburg, Pa., has returned home after spending a few days with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Moses White of 1525 Kinney street.

News And Gossip From The Capitol

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—The construction of new roads will be revolutionized under a bill which will be introduced in the general assembly. It will increase the powers of the state highway commissioner and give him authority over all construction work. He will have the right to appoint a deputy commissioner in each county who will be satisfactory to the county commissioners. A road supervisor will be appointed for each township and he will do the work that other officials now control and direct. The bill is expected to bring about much needed reform in road building methods. Counties have until midnight Friday night to file applications with the state highway commissioner for state aid for next year. Every county is expected to come in. Vinton county has never constructed any improved highways and it will apply for the first time for this help.

"Back to the Farm" is the slogan sounded by Secretary Pat Sandles, of the Ohio state board of agriculture in the December bulletin of that body, just out. He declares that is the nation's only salvation. If this is not done the nation will not feed itself. The supply is not keeping pace with the demand. The farmer is failing to supply two families in the city, while he keeps his own besides. The farmer sells everything he grows at prices beyond his dreams, but still the cry goes up for more. Population is increasing and the average crop yield decreasing. There must be more farmers and farming. "The call of the nation is agriculture," says Pat, in his appeal to men to leave the city and go to the country.

Columbus will have a novel experience on Sunday. It will be really and truly dry for the first time in its existence. It is supposed to have been dry before, but the brand has been pseudo, and it was no trick for the fellow who was onto the ropes to get a thirst-quencher. Saloonists realized as soon as George S. Marshall was elected mayor they would have to shut up tight on Sunday and also obey the midnight closing ordinance. This they are preparing to do and they have notified the mayor-elect that they will comply with his orders. The bartenders are pleased with the new regulations. They have been working Sundays and they will now have one day off for rest which has been denied them before.

Busy days are these for Colonel Fred Blankner, third assistant sergeant-at-arms of the house of representatives, a job he has filled for 50 years, and who has charge of the legislative halls. As soon as a member gets to town he is promptly corralled by Colonel Fred and dragged to the house or sent to see how nice everything has been put in order for the session. Lieutenant Governor Treadway was his victim the other day. He was shown how the chairs had been polished, how every speck of dust had been removed from each crook and cranny, how tastefully the curtains had been hung and how bright the brasses had been made. The lieutenant governor was next shown the smoking room and he balked at what had been done there. It had been made to look like a Turkish harem with divans, couches and draperies and Oriental effects. The lieutenant governor told Fred to change it so that it might not be taken to be the abode of a sultan. Fifteen different times Fred asked the lieutenant governor if he did not think the chamber looked fine and fifteen different times the latter said that it did look fine, and this pleased to old veteran mightily.

Something About Portsmouth Poets

The trustees of the public library have placed upon its shelves a copy of Emerson Venable's interesting work, "Poets of Ohio." This is a list of the poets born on Ohio soil, with a biographical sketch and some of their poetical productions. Nine and thirty native born poets of distinction for a state no older than Ohio is not a bad record in an intellectual way. There are other poets, reared and educated in Ohio and among her honored citizens, and who have made their mark poetically, but they were so unfortunate as to have been born in other states, hence they are not included in Mr. Venable's book.

One thing is noticeable in perusing the pages of this work, and that is, that a great majority of the thirty-nine poets were born in Southern Ohio—that is, south of a line drawn across the state through Columbus, and including that city.

No Portsmouth poet appears, which is strange, as our city has produced poets and poetesses of no mean order, and some of their books are on the shelves of libraries in more than one city. Yet, come to think of it, some of these at least were born out of the state, but Judge Searl, with his "Ukkuwahbewein" and "Shanghai Rebellion" was an Ohio product, and so was the gifted Elmer E. Ewing, whose "Bugles and Bells" has become a classic.

In a local way, however, we have Thomas Emmett Moore, the editor-poet of Wellston. The biographical sketch says he was born in the neighboring village of Piketon, the son of Hon. John T. Moore, a lawyer of prominence. His "Soul Song" is quoted, also "The Palmer" and others. These two will live long after the poet has crossed to the Other Side. By the way, we have not heard from Mr. Moore for a long time in a poetical way. We would be pained to think his muse had packed her trunks and left him.

Others well known locally are the Bennett boys of Chillicothe, John and Henry Holcomb Bennett. Like Mr. Moore these were both newspaper men, and for that matter a majority of the poets that have sung in modern times have graduated from newspaper offices. Some of them never even graduated, but wrote poetry from "soul pressure" and worked as editors, reporters and printers to keep their highly wrought souls on speaking terms with their partially famished bodies. This was not the case with the Bennetts, father and son, of Chillicothe, however. John Bennett graduated from the newspapers to the magazines, and youngsters for a hundred years to come will treasure the memory of "Jack Bennett," who wrote such charming stories for them in "St. Nicholas." And right here is where we fall out with Bennett; when he quit signing himself "Jack" Bennett and made it plain John. His "Song of the Dutch Commoners" gave him international fame, and "The Hills of Ross" appeals to every one who was fortunate enough to have been born in the Scioto valley. "The Robin That Sings at My Window" also takes one back to the childhood home, in whatever portion of the Scioto Valley it may have been. Henry Holcomb Bennett's inspiring song, "The Flag Goes By," has become a Decoration Day classic.

In Cincinnati we have General William H. Lytle of "Cleopatra" fame, and the Cary sisters, Phoebe and Alice, who sang themselves into the hearts of the people in the decades gone by. Thomas Buchanan Read, whose "Wine of the West" left a sparkle in the minds of people which has not yet ceased to shimmer, to say nothing of "Sheridan's Ride." There was also Professor W. H. Venable, the Piatts, sweet singers all, the sweetest of all being Mrs. S. M. B. Piatt. In Xenia, but still in Southern Ohio, we have Coates Kinney, another poet journalist, whose "Rain Upon the Roof" will patter in the hearts of people while time shall last. Edith M. Thomas, who appeals to the hearts of magazine readers, should not be overlooked.

From Dayton comes Paul Laurence Dunbar, the colored poet, and a good one. His productions are worthy of one of the dominant race.

Coming from north of the center of the state is grand old Dan Emmett—Daniel Decatur Emmett, born in Mt. Vernon, and author of the immortal song of "Dixie." If she had produced only one poet, and that one was Dan Emmett, Northern Ohio would have done well.

Ernie Wright, a local shoeworker, who has been working at Ironton, took a job in the Excelsior's lasting room, Thursday.

Mr. Goltz Recovering.

Drayman Will Goltz is reported as rapidly recovering from his operation for appendicitis at the Hempstead hospital.

SOCIAL NEWS

Ideal as entertainment were the two musicales which took place Thursday afternoon at the spacious and elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Selby of Gallia avenue midst artistic Christmastide decorations of scarlet bells, and cut flowers, red berried holly and other Christmas evergreens. The first party was held in the afternoon with Mrs. Selby and Mrs. Harley Marconette as the genial hosts and with the following as the able assistants in the hospitalities.

Mr. Rea Selby and little Misses Gladys and Marie Louise Selby as door keepers. Mrs. Alan Jordan and Miss Mary K. Reed to invite guests to the refreshment rooms, the dining room and sitting room. At the conclusion of the program. In the sitting room, with Mrs. John A. Ives as the presiding genius and Mrs. Selby's mother-in-law, Mrs. G. D. Selby, in charge of the coffee urn, at a lovely circular table bedecked with holiday effects the fair servitors of the refreshments were Misses Grace Hudson, Essel Selby, Elizabeth Ricker, Ettalene Grice, Mary Margaret Fuller, all of the assistants, the hosts the participants in the program and the large company of guests being gowned most beautifully. In the dining room Mrs. C. T. Davis was in charge, with Mrs. Mitchelll Evans of Friendship, mother of Mrs. Marconnette presiding over the coffee urn at the long and prettily appointed table whose floral parnishments were American Beauty roses. Their able assistants in serving the coffee, with delicious Christmas plum pudding and bonbons were Misses Jeanette Silcox, Minnie Smith, Edna Davis, Muriel Drew, Gladys Evans, and making it the scene one of rare animation and loveliness. The evening party with Messrs. and Mesdames Selby and Marconnette as hosts was equally attractive and enjoyable. The program for both occasions was given by three artists Miss Holbrook, for years teacher of harp music at the Cincinnati college of music, and certainly an exquisite harpist. Miss Norma Hauck, of this city, a pupil of a rare degree of merit, at the Cincinnati college of music, and one of this city's favorites. Mr. Chamberlain of Cincinnati, who cleverly manipulated the Weber piano player, an $1,800 instrument which he as agent recently placed at the Selby home, and which certainly is eminently satisfactory as a musical wonder. In the afternoon the program announced in her inimitable and exceedingly entertaining way by Mrs. Edgar F. Draper, and in the evening by her niece, Mrs. W. A. Hutchins, one of this city's most popular vocalists.

The program was as follows:

Piano, Die Watkins.

Magic Fire Music, Wagner, Mr. Chamberlain.

Vocal, song of the soul. Briel, From the Climax, Miss Hark.

Harp, Concert Mazurka, Schuecker, Miss Holbrook.

Piano, Lostos Flower, Lange.

Vocal, (a) I know a lovely Garden; (b) Out of the darkness, Guy D'Hardelot.

Harp, Spring Song, Mendelssohn; Fairy Legend, Oberthier, Miss Holbrook.

Piano, Last Hope, Gottschalk.

Vocal, Parted, Tosti, Miss Hark.

Harp, Danse Des Fees, Parish Alvars, Miss Holbrook.

In the evening the assistants were as follows:

Mrs. G. W. Grimes, Mrs. W. G. Williams, Mrs. W. M. Pursell and Mrs. D. A. Berndt to invite guests to the refreshment rooms, where Mrs. James A. Hagar and Mrs. Henry Heer were in charge with Miss Bertha Waite of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. B. H. Dillon, at the coffee urns and the other fair assistants in serving refreshments similar to the ones served in the afternoon as follows, the hosts cousin Mrs. G. L. Davis of Tokio, Japan, Mrs. J. W. Bannon, Jr., Misses Lollie Anderson, Sue Pursell, Ada Moore and Lucile Graham. The out of town guests were Mrs. George Ball's daughter Mrs. Lovell Nelson of Chicago, Mrs. Spencer Cole's daughters, Mrs. Henning Prentis of Pittsburg, Pa., Mrs. Clinton M. Searl's mother, Mrs. Orren Hulett of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Hugh Wilson of Detroit, Mich., who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Little of Gallia avenue, Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Blomeyer's daughter, Mrs. Karl Lorenz of Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Waite's daughter, Miss Bertha Waite of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hardin's daughter, Mrs. George L. Davis of Tokio, Japan. The favors were knots of scarlet and green ribbon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Angle of East Second have gone to Catlettsburg, Ky., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Angle's mother, the late Mrs. Vincent, formerly of this city.

Messrs. James and Harry Bates thirteen year old twin brothers of Steubenville are holiday week guests at the home of their aunt, Mrs. G. E. Carlyle, being her brothers sons.

Miss Lucile Carlyle will leave next Tuesday for Margaret College, Lexington, Ky., to resume her studies.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Marsh and son, Merrill, of East Eleventh street, have gone to Oak Hill to spend New Years with Mr. Marsh's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Glatz have returned to their home in Cincinnati after spending Christmas with their mother, Mrs. William Glatz.

Misses Margaret and Katharine Scherer, Ruth Clare, Florence Daehler, and Edith Hudson spent Friday as guests of Misses Morrell and Nellie Searcy. Among the day's pleasures was attendance at the Majestic Friday afternoon.

Are to Install New Officers

The John A. Logan Camp, Sons of Veterans, will have a public installation of officers for New-year's at Piatt's hall Saturday evening, Jan. 1 to which all their friends and public generally are invited. After the installation their ladies auxiliary will serve a big oyster supper and there'll be oysters galore for everybody. Floyd Laviuder is now commander to succeed W. A. Pyle who has had a very successful administration.

A.I.U. Team Had Practice Meet

The members of the A. I. U. degree staff met last night at their hall to practice the initiating exercises preparatory to the initiating of a large class of candidates on the evening of Jan. 6. After the exercises all were served to a sumptuous repast and the evening was spent in singing and dancing and the large attendance present were treated to some fine music by a number of talented musicians who are members of the staff. It is to be hoped that all the members will be present next Thursday night as a royal good time is anticipated, to begin the New-year.

OPEN HOUSE AT Y. M. C. A.

The annual custom of "open house" will be observed at the Railway Y. M. C. A. New Year's day. Three states division, No. 351, Order of Railway Conductors will have charge of the affair and will serve hot coffee and doughnuts free to all visitors from 3 p. m. until 10 in the evening.

At 7:30 o'clock on New Year's night an entertainment will be given under the directions of Prof. Mastropaolo, who will furnish the following music: Piano solos, violin solos, and a number of solos on various other stringed instruments. There will also be elocutionary entertainments. The general public is invited.

Miss Bertha Staiger who sings at the Y. M. C. A. gospel meeting each Sunday afternoon will assist in the program for New Year's evening.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their assistance and sympathy during the illness and death of our infant.

MR. AND MRS. J. PRATHER.

John Is Going To Buy Stock

John Beinewald, proprietor of a dry goods store on East Ninth street, will leave Sunday for Cincinnati and Lexington where he will purchase additional stock for his store. He will be gone nearly all of next week.

Returned To Rochester

Mrs. William King and young son, returned to Rochester, N. Y., Thursday, after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Milhuff of Findlay street. Mrs. King was called here by the serious operation undergone by her sister, Mrs. Gladys Milhuff Easley, several weeks ago. The patient has so far recovered as to be able to take a short sleigh ride Thursday.

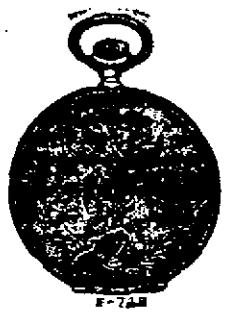
Capt. Burt Wolfe and son George, returned to their home at Catlettsburg, Friday morning, after a short visit with P. M. Wolfe and family.

Market Place of the Munnimakers

The Advertisers are Eager to Sell—So they Offer Values so Big and Prices so Low that the Readers are Eager to Buy. A Square Deal and a Quick Deal for You in the Market Place of the Munnimakers. Profit for the Seller, and Advantage for The Buyer.

We Wish You

A Happy New Year



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Chillicothe and Gallia Streets.

MASONIC

Stated meeting of Aurora Lodge Monday evening, Jan. 3. Mt. Vernon Chapter will meet on Tuesday evening, Jan. 4th, for work in the Royal Arch Degree.

WANTED.

WANTED — Grocery salesman looking for better position will find a good opening. Communications confidential. Commercial Sales Co., Delaware, O. 31-3

WANTED—A good girl for general house work. 166 East Tenth, opposite N. and W. depot. 31-tf

WANTED—Locust posts. Highest cash price paid. E. M. Funk, 129 Twelfth St. 30-6

WANTED—Several bright, reliable young men to qualify for the Railway Mail Service. Address stating age, height and weight. J. W. G., care Times office. 30-3

WANTED—To buy and sell furniture, stoves, clothing and literature. Dotson Bros., 108 East Ninth St. 12-30-25t

WANTED— Outside shoe and trimming cutters. Open shops. No trouble. Good wages. Steady employment. Allied Trades, 932. Granite Building, Rochester, New York. 29-3

WANTED—A cook, must be experienced. Apply to Mrs. E. D. Poffenberger, 602 Union St. 29-tf

WANTED—A nurse girl not under 17. Must be experienced and sleep at home. Highest wages paid. Apply to Mrs. F. A. Jacobs, 602 Union street. 28-tf

WANTED—25 laborers at once, by The Portsmouth Steel Co.

EVERYTHING FROM SHINGLE TO BUILDING.

We supply and sell and buy all sorts of timber and lumber. We also handle roofing, American Gypsum Co., Dry Color Paint and Varnish. E. M. Funk, 129 East Twelfth, Phones, Home 1224. Bell 211 tf

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Office safe, Ohio Dental Chair, Dental Cabinet, 700 feet incinized rope, block and tackle. See H. T. Hatton 424 Chillicothe. 31-5

FOR SALE—3 room cottage at New Boston. Call East End Furniture Co., Eleventh and Lawson. 29-tf

FOR SALE—On account of going on farm, my lot, 328 Gallia St. Good location for business lot. Any reasonable offer will be accepted. Address Frank Preston, 1449 Clinton St., St. Louis Mo. 30-3

FOR SALE—One seven drawer and one five drawer drop head sewing machine. Call at Swickert's grocery. 14-tf

FOR SALE—Sterotype mats, better than paper for putting under carpets. Times office.

FOR SALE—Cheap new Underwood typewriter. 14 inch carriage. Call 3705 Home phone 21-tf

FOR SALE—Now is the time to buy Second Hand Autos. I have taken in several on the sale of new cars. Come quick if you want one. W. J. Friel, 20-tf

FOR SALE—Prize chickens, Orpington and White Wyandottes, both hens and cock birds. Scores from 93½ to 94½. Cheap if sold at once. Inquire of A. H. Englehard, 1309 Union St., or 'phone Y 1160. 24-6

FOR SALE—My farm of 230 acres on Harrisonville, Munns Run Pike, six miles from Portsmouth. Call on or address J. C. Bainer Portsmouth R. F. D. No. 2. 27-6

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Two front rooms furnished for light house keeping. Water and gas. 70 Gallia street. 30-tf

FOR RENT— Furnished rooms at 14 East Third. 31-3

FOR RENT—Six room house Fifteenth and Union streets, seven room house, 277 East Third street with gas and water. Seven room house, 196 East Third. Inquire C. S. Cadot, Room 225 Masonic Temple. 31-2

FOR RENT—Fine large, furnished front room, with private bath, suitable for two gentlemen. Mrs. John A. Grimes, 128 East Second street. 28-tf

FOR RENT— Furnished room Inquire 33 East Second. 28-5

FOR RENT— Furnished front room for one or two gentlemen or man and wife. 142 Gallia. 18-tf

LOST.

LOST—Small pocket book containing $2.50. Reward for return to 354 West Second St. 1

LOST—Mink fur neck scarf on Washington, between Fifth and Eighth. Return to Alberta Maier Eighth and Washington. 27-tf

LOST—Crescent shape scarf pin set with diamonds and forget-me-nots. Return to 134 West Second. Reward. 29-3

LOST—Small pocket book containing $2.50. Reward for return to 304 West Second St. 1

LOST—Package containing black silk on Chillicothe street or at Andersons' store. Finder phone A 1155. 31-3

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NOTICE

Special sale on X-mas jewelry. Just received big line of high grade bracelets worth from $3.50, $7.50, holiday sale $4.98. Prices reduced on all other jewelry 75 to 50 per cent.

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M. T. Stewart to Jasper Shoemaker lot in New Boston, $1, etc.

M. T. Stewart to Alfred Coriell, lot in New Boston, $1, etc.

M. T. Stewart to O. D. Chinn and E. E. Cooper, lot in New Boston, $1, etc.

Samantha Bridwell to Frank B. Finney, lot in Earlytown, $1, etc.

Warder and Riley to Rachel Rose, lot on Kinney street, $1250.

J. S. Thomas to Bertha Sheppard, lot on Fourth, near Gay; another lot on Twelfth, near Union, and a third lot on Twelfth, near Findlay, $1, etc.

T. J. Eulitt to F. J. Butz, 21 7-10 acres in Rush township, $125.

W. S. Hammond to James W. Thatcher, 15 1-4 acres in Nile township, $250.

George W. Sheppard to James S. Thomas, 9 1-2 acres in Clay township, $1, etc.

Pieper and Paeltz to Martha Riley, 132 acres in Brush Creek township, $100.

William Shuler to G. W. Chandler, 80 acres in Jefferson township, $200.

W. E. M. Ranchous to Harry M. Strong, 203 acres in Bloom township, $1, etc.

Harry E. McNeill to John M. Hamilton, 22 acres in Union township, $1 and property exchange.

E. E. Massie to Mary L. Butler, two deeds, three acres each in Nile township, $375.

E. A. Hodge, of Kiawa county, Oklahoma, to W. J. McLaughlin, Portsmouth hotel property, $7000.

Nick Gable to George Keller, trustee, 46 1-2 acres in Clay township, $3500.

George Keller, trustee, to John E. Williams, same tract, $3500.

G. S. Neary to Frank and Philip Freshour, lot on Gallia street, near Lawson, $1, etc.

IS NAMED AS ADMINISTRATOR.

In probate court Friday S. C. Compton qualified as administrator of the estate of the late John Swearingen who died recently. He left personal property worth $1200. Four children and five grand children are the heirs.

DISASTER AVERTED.

By calling on us and having your property insured before the fire occurs. It costs but a trifle when compared to losing the earnings of a life time by fire. Office over The Central National Bank. Entrance No. 15 Gallia street. Office open day and night. Home phone No. 668. Bell No. 395 W.

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BRICK WORKER USED KNIFE

The police were summoned to the Harbison-Walker brick plant in the East End Friday to arrest Lawrence Johnson, who following some trouble with Richard Sally, drew a knife and slashed the latter in the side.

Before the arrival of the police, Lawrence Johnson skipped out and has not been seen since.

Both the men are employes of the plant. Sally was not seriously cut, a gash probably two inches being inflicted in his side.

Chief Davidson has the knife that was used in the cutting.

BRINGS SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Upon the sole grounds of willful absence for more than three years, Charles Mitchem a shoe worker, has entered suit for divorce from his wife Mary Holt Mitchem, through his attorney, Frank W. Moulton.

The parties were married in May, 1900 and have a six year old daughter Josephine. Mitchem works in a local factory, while his wife since their separation has lived with her parents in Jefferson township.

Take Oaths Of Office

Mayor H. C. Searcy, director of public service, John Jones and director of public safety, James P. Brennan, qualified and took their oats of office late Friday, City Solicitor Small administering the oaths.

Mayor Searcy enters upon his second term and the two directors upon their first term, Saturday.

Jno. Brushart Doing Nicely

Mrs. John F. Brushart of East Second street, returned home on Thursday night from Cincinnati, where she was called to be present at the operation performed upon her eldest son, John, at Dr. Holmes' hospital, Wednesday noon.

The operation was for the removal of the mastoid bone and was in every way successful. Mr. Brushart was on the operating table for nearly three hours, but his excellent physical condition stood him in hand and he rallied nicely from the ordeal. Mrs. Brushart left with every assurance from the specialist that her son would experience a speedy and complete recovery.

Appraisers Make Report

George Cook, J. H. Brant and George M. Salliday appraisers of the real estate of the late Prudence Cole have filed their report. They place a valuation of $450 on the hill farm of 90 acres in Rush township and they appraised the 48 acre bottom farm at $4150.

This property is to be sold by the sheriff under partition proceedings early in February.

FILES SUIT FOR DAMAGES

A suit for $1000 damages filed Friday by William E. Hunt against William Rodgers, is the outcome of a serious personal altercation which these two well known West End citizens had on December 9. Milner, Miller and Searl filed the action for Hunt in common pleas court Friday.

In his petition, Hunt alleges that Rodgers viciously assaulted him, mashing his cheek bone and breaking his jaw. By reason of these injuries he has been since disabled, and made to go to the expense of a physician, besides rendering him incapable of performing manual labor for some time. Both men are teamsters and were for years in the employ of the Reitz Stone Company.

Sleigh Line Not A Hack Line

The Buena Vista hack line became the Buena Vista sleigh line Thursday. The roads between Portsmouth and that town being in such bad condition for wagons the body of the hack was placed on runners.

Enock Monk Will Survive

Enoch Monk, the 10-year-old son of Mrs. Maggie Monk of Mill street, who was painfully burned about the hands and face Thursday noon, by exploding gasoline, was much better Friday afternoon.

BILLY DOYLE IS TO REPORT.

Billy Doyle, official scout for the St. Louis team of the American league, has been ordered to come to Toledo some time next week where he will may out his work with the manager, Roger Bresnahan, manager of the team. Billy is of the opinion that he will be sent to the coast, as Bresnahan seems to think practically all the undiscovered baseball stars are located in that territory.

NOTHING IN REPORT OF BIG DEAL

A rumor was making the rounds of the East End, Friday afternoon, to the effect that Levi D. York had opened up negotiations for the sale of the Portsmouth Street Railway Co., and that he expected to erect a large steel mill on the Peebles tract of land in East Portsmouth.

When a Times reporter interviewed Mr. York he branded the rumor as false in every particular, stating that he himself had never heard of anything of this kind happening, and was at a loss to understand how such a rumor had been placed in circulation. Mr. York stated that the nearest he ever came to owning a steel plant since tthe time he disposed of the Portsmouth Steel Co., was when the late Senator Whittaker came to him and told him that he should by all means repurchase the mill. Mr. York told the senator that it would please him mightily to again be the possessor of the property, but that he was interested in so many enterprises that he could not see his way clear to close the deal for the plant.

Mr. York further stated that there were no negotiations on for the sale of the street railway.

Break Way For the Ferry

By the use of dynamite and other powerful explosives, the crew of the C. & O. ferry Emily was able to break her a passage across the river late Friday afternoon. At three o'clock the boat was half way across, going at a slow rate of speed.

CARL PANCAKE HAS GOOD JOB.

John Kyle, East End druggist, has received word from Carl Pancake, former telegraph operator at the N. & W. terminals, that he has an excellent position with Short Line Ry. with headquarters at Boise City, Idaho. He is in the city ticket office and doing nicely. He is also enjoying splendid health, for which he has been seeking since he left this city a few months ago.

Brick Yard Mun Is Near Death

Nick Scott, aged 55, an aged brick yard employe, is lying near death's door at his South Webster home suffering with chronic Bright's disease.

BLAIR GIVES A HOLIDAY PARDON

Not to be behind the times in any particular Judge Blair has issued a holiday pardon to one of Portsmouth's prisoners in a penal institution.

The fortunate recipient of this judicial clemency is Russell Treat, East Front street youth, who was sent to the work house in October for grand larceny. Under orders from the court, Clerk Adams has forwarded instructions to the work house authorities to release young Treat on New Year's day.

Last October Treat pleaded guilty to stealing personal property from the stable of the Brushart families on East Second street. He took considerable over $100 at one time and had been carrying on a systematic theft of small articles for a long period. The sentence originally imposed would have kept young Treat at the work house for over a year.

ELMER HEISEL TAKES PLACE.

Elmer Heisel, late of the office force of City Auditor Musser, has taken a temporary position with County Treasurer Davis during the taxpaying rush. Later Mr. Heisel will enter the office of R. A. Bryan, civil engineer, along with his studies in the local business college.

Breaks Through Ohio Ice

Earl Tipton, a young man residing on Vinton avenue while skating on the Ohio river near the upper ferry late Friday afternoon broke through the ice. But for the prompt action of Guy Long, a companion who rescued him, he would have probably drowned.

Were In Cincinnati.

Attorneys Horace L. Small and Hubert Heinisch returned Friday from a brief holiday visit at Cincinnati. Attorney Heinisch will prolong his stay here until next week when he will return to Toledo to resume his duties in the claim department of a large insurance company.

Uncle Ben Has Sudden Attack

"Uncle Ben" Johnson had a sinking spell Friday and for a time was thought to be dying. He rallied later, but is very low.

KELLAR LEAVES FOR ROANOKE.

G. H. Kellar, popular foreman at the N. & W. terminals, left Friday for Roanoke to which point he has been transferred by the railroad officials. His successor is expected to arrive here Saturday. Mr. Kellar leaves with the best wishes of a circle of friends. His family will continue to reside in this city until he can make arrangements for them to follow him to Roanoke.

John Voelk, manager of the Voelk Dry Goods company, corner of Lawson and Eleventh street, has returned from Cincinnati, where he has been buying stock for his thriving concern.

New Year's day will be observed by the N. & W. railway, the entire force at the terminals being allowed a holiday.

Mrs. Burt Bybee of West Seventh avenue, who recently underwent an operation, was reported improving nicely on Thursday, and her many friends here hope for her full recovery.

Mrs. Harry Denton, wife of one of the popular clerks at the Cincinnati Salvage company, is recovering nicely from a sever attack of rheumatism which she sustaindo on Christmas day. She has been bedfast ever since.

SOCIAL NEWS

Mrs. Fred Pride entertained at dinner, Thursday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Gilbert, of Springfield. Games and instrumental music furnished pleasant diversion after the delectable spread.

J. A. Blackburn, a prominent former of Otway, was in the city on business, Friday.

The Southern and Adams Express offices will keep open for deliveries until ten o'clock Saturday morning, New Year's day.

OFFICERS OF UNIFORM RANK WERE ELECTED

The uniform rank of the K. of P. met in their quarters in the Wertz block Thursday and elected the following officers for the ensuing year.

Captain, John Hotz; First lieutenant, Elmer Malone; second lieutenant, Ed Knost; Treasurer, Will Hosz; Recording secretary, Henry Uhl.

Fred Pride, well known tailor and captain of the rank for many years, was honored by being chosen as aide to the staff of Brigadier General, T. J. Kauffman, of Dayton. Mr. Pride will likely attend the installation of the state officers of the Uniform Rank which will be held in Cleveland on January 10.

ARTIS PLEAD GUILTY

Joshua Artis, would be desperado of South Webster, was arraigned before Squire Hall Thursday night upon a charge of pointing fire arms. He is the man who snapped a loaded revolver three times at E. H. Clare at Bloom Furnace a month ago, the weapon fayiling to go off.

The prisoner pleaded guilty, but as the magistrate had no final jurisdiction in this class of cases, he was bound over to the next grand jury.

Bond was fixed at $400.

Artius will harly be able to furnish this bail and will remain in jail. It is probable that he will have to face other charges growing out of his recent escapades.

GOES BACK HOME

George Burns, who has been the guest of the Gims and Brunner families for several days, returned to his home at Mabee Corners Friday morning. He has completely recovered from the operation he recently underwent for appendicitis.

Had Fine Visit.

Roy Colburn, a young clerk at J. J. Brushart's grocery, has returned from a week's visit with friends at Augusta, Ky. Roy has confided to his friends that while on his visit he became engaged to a pretty Augusta maiden.

Joe Evans, a well known West Front street young man, is down with an attack of grip.

Merchants over the city were kept busy Friday shoveling the melting snow and ice off their store roofs.

Fred Krecker and family moved today from Carey's Run to their new home on West Seventh street.

Col. John Abbott who resides on the summit of the big hill above the C. and O. railway station in Kentucky came over into the city Friday. He walked over the ice.

HAYPORT.

Miss Kate Barrette returned home Tuesday from a few weeks visit at Paloka, Ill., with her brother, Mr. Thornton Barrette and family.

Mrs. Henry Groh who has been suffering from a felon is reported some better.

Mrs. H. H. Barney and Mrs. W. C. Burns were shopping in Portsmouth Wednesday.

Mrs. Rebessa Mayhew and daughter, Miss Mary entertained Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Mayhew and family.

Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Pyles royally entertained their children on Christmas day. Present were Carlos Pyles of East Portsmouth, Mrs. Bess Pyles and little daughter Miriam, of Portsmouth and Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Pyles and children of Ironton.

Mrs. Anna Lehman is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Henry of Ironton, whose home was so suddenly saddened by the death of their baby, Carl, on Christmas day.

D. H. Feurt and daughter, Bessie, were shopping in Portsmouth Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinnoman and Miss Maggie Born spent Christmas the guests of relatives at Waits Station.

John Stewart of Ironton, is spending the holidays with his grandfather, John Oakes, Sr.

Manuel Lipker had as guests on Christmas his daughter and her husband of Ironton.

John Meyers spent Tuesday in Portsmouth with his daughter, Miss Esther, who left Wednesday morning to spend the holidays with her sister, Miss Kate Myers of Chicago.

James Myers of Huntington, W. Va., spent Christmas with his father, John Myers.

Miss Bessie Elam of Wheelersburg, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. T. Glover.

Miss Jennie Oakes of Arion is visiting home folks.

TUTTLEVILLE.

John M. Monroe has returned home from Clark county.

Miss Tillie Miller of Portsmouth spent Christmas with her parents.

John Spray and family spent Saturday and Sunday in our locality.

George Emmett, who has been in the south for the past few years returned home Saturday.

Harry Reese and wife spent their Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Mahala Cole.

Bennett Kayser and family spent Saturday and Sunday in Tuttleville.

Kendall Miller spent Sunday with Vene Purtee.

Melvin Neary expects to return to Montana this week.

Earl Parks of Lawrenceville, Ill., is visiting his parents.

FOR THE WOMEN.

CHILDREN WHO STAY AT HOME.

They Have Wise Mothers Who Make Home Pleasant for Them.

The mother who is wise throws open her house to her children's friends. One of the loneliest women I ever knew said that she never learned to be informal and to make friends quickly because when she was a child her mother never allowed her to bring her little friends to her home after school. At stated intervals the mother could give children's parties, models of formality, but when the little guests wanted a good time they went to some other girl's house; consequently she never really had any intimate friends.

Such a thing as inviting a schoolmate to stay overnight, in particular, was simply unheard of. What a mistake this is! One mother who prides herself in retaining the love of her children as well as their confidence never refuses them any entertainment they may plan for their friends. Sometimes they write from school that they want to bring home half a dozen little friends for a holiday, and the house is filled to overflowing, but this wise mother does not stand on ceremony and provides room somehow for them all.

As a result she is tremendously popular, not only with her own, but with the other children as well, to the envy of other mothers not as unselfish and sensible as she is.

Another mother with grown sons has fitted up a den for them, where they may receive their friends without interference from the rest of the family. They hold club meetings there, play games and do as they please. In the house there is a billiard room, where the father and boys have a good time with their acquaintances and smoke and are thoroughly comfortable.

The father and mother are both interested in all their sons' amusements and plans. They take them seriously and help them all they can. It is the same way with the girls, only the boys are the ones who are usually the most left out in the cold.

Children who are well treated in this way will never wander in the streets or cause sorrow to their parents, for home is the most attractive place on earth to them.

ELENA OF ITALY.

The Queen at Least Who Is a Happy Woman.

One of the few queens to marry the man of her heart is Queen Elena of Italy.

When the Princess of Montenegro went with her father and mother to the art exhibition at Venice in the spring of the year 1895 she was twenty-two years old and a tall, queenly girl of remarkable beauty. King Humbert and Queen Margherita were there also with their son, Victor Emmanuel, and when the latter saw the beautiful princess he is said to have exclaimed, "There is the woman I mean to marry!" The love was mutual, and during the coronation festivities of the czar and czarina of Russia, at which both were guests, their interest in each other was the subject of universal comment.

In 1896 they were married, and their life together since has been one of unclouded happiness.

Their greatest delight is to go off on long yachting cruises, where they are free from tiresome court ceremonial.

It was while on one of these cruises, in among the Greek isles, that the news of his father's assassination was broken to Victor Emmanuel, and since then the cares of state have weighed heavily on his shoulders, so that he has been glad of every chance to get away with his family to his favorite island of Monte Cristo, where he leads the life of a country gentleman rather than that of a sovereign.

Queen Elena is particularly fitted for such a life, as she was brought up to indulge in all athletic sports. The impression she gives is of unusual physical strength. As a child she was devoted to the chase, and even now hunting, riding to hounds and tennis are her favorite sports.

Her father, Prince Nicholas of Montenegro, is a remarkable old man, and he brought up his children to fear nothing and to grow up strong and stalwart.

Montenegro is a tiny principality where the ruler can easily keep count of all his subjects and where a kindly genial etiquette prevails instead of the usual glitter of state. Elena's bringing up was of a nature to make her beloved both by her husband and her people.

The Would Be Nurses.

Expend much time in earnest thought and weigh your capabilities before deciding to become a trained nurse. If you desire an easy profession, select that of a washerwoman in preference.

If you are a practical businesslike woman and think of it as a profession which when acquired will yield you a good income and are willing to undergo two years of hospital service for the sake of acquiring it, and look at it from this standpoint only, you may possibly make a mechanical nurse. Your patients will not mourn your departure, and you will never be called to visit the same household twice. If you are a romantic, novel devouring maid, yearning to be known as a modern St. Elizabeth and long to bathe weary brows and witness impossible deathbed scenes and the like, stay at home. But if you are a strong healthy woman, possessed of education, gentle breeding, and, above all, adaptability, and are willing to undertake whatever work is assigned to you, you will not regret the step you contemplate taking.

OFFICER FIRES AT 2 BURGLARS

Two suspicious looking men found prowling around the storage plant of the Gilbert Grocery Co. at the head of Market street, about 2:30 o'clock Friday morning by Officer Duplaine. Duplaine ordered them to surrender but they turned their backs upon him and fled. Duplaine fired several shots at them but the men only ran the faster. In a window of the storage building was found a large piece of "2x4" timber which had been used in attempt to pry open the window and gain entrance to the building. Nothing was found missing from the premises.

Puritan Co. Has Extensive Plans

William L. Holmes, president of the Puritan Company, which is erecting large brick and cement works near Hamden, Vinton Co., was in Columbus on his way from Detroit to visit the plant and stopped over to confer with local men who are heavily interested in the enterprise, says the Journal.

The company has completed a face brick plant, which is now in operation, with a capacity of 100,000 face brick a day. Brick from this plant have already been shipped. The coming season the company will begin the erection of its Portland cement works, which will be built in units of 1000 barrels of cement capacity a day. It is possible that the company may erect an iron furnace, but this has not yet been decided upon.

Mr. Holmes is well known in the cement business, as he was the builder of the plant of the Iola Cement Company in Kansas, which has a record of an average earning power of $100,000 a month since it began operation. The plants are on a spur built from the Hocking Valley Railway, and by this connection also is had with the Baltimore and Ohio, the Dayton, Toledo and Chicago and the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railways. All of the material used by the company is taken from its own land and an electric railroad has been built to haul the raw materials from the mines to the plant.

In addition to the brick and cement the company is mining and shipping the iron ore, of which there are vast deposits in that section of Ohio. The ore, not being so rich as the lake ores, has been neglected, but as it is high in phosphorus, it is demanded by the makers of foundry iron, and it is now being shipped to the Columbus Ironton and Steel Company, the furnaces at Jackson, Buffalo, Detroit and several other places. Mr. Holmes says that the demand for the ore is good, and it may be that the company will ship its ore instead of erecting a furnace at Hamden. It is believed that with the building of this immense plant a new era is opening for that section of southern Ohio.

Joins Family In Columbus

Henry W. Miller went to Columbus Friday to join his family, who are visiting relatives in the Capital City.

Women as Well as Men are Made Miserable by Kidney and Bladder Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also a pamphlet telling all about Swamp-Root, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers who found Swamp-Root to be just the remedy needed. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

SNAPPY BILL OFFERED AT ORPHEUM

A pleasing, snappy bill is the offering at the Orpheum for the last half of the present week. From the Bellfonts down through to the act of Eddie Adair and "The Girls" the show is entertaining to a high degree and gave great satisfaction on Thursday night.

Jeanette Depree, a comedienne, is full of sparkling wit and withal is a very attractive little lady. Her monologue stunt and pretty Irish songs have a wide appeal.

Beltrah and Beltrah, the Daisy Musicians, have a novelty act that is quite above the usual run of musical acts.

The Bellfonts are clever acrobats, who have some new and really interesting feats to perform for their audiences.

Eddie Adair and company of girls introduce a very attractive act. Their dancing is clever and the singing of Mr. Adair, who possesses a splendid voice was exceedingly entertaining. The song "Contrary Mary" scored a decided hit.

The show at the Orpheum as a whole is of a high standard and is in every way worthy to close the year of 1909 with.

He Has Faith In Dr. Cook

Henry Fairre still stands by Dr. Cook. He thinks Cook has the goods and that Peary, being the pet of the administration and with the army and navy behind him worked to the seeming undoing of the Brooklyn doctor. He says the Copenhagen people are not to be blamed for turning Cook down, as they had nothing to go by but the face of the Doctored returns.

IS ROBBED OF XMAS PRESENT

James Crain is out a pair of fine gloves, a pair of long arctic ones, given to him as a Christmas gift by Felix Haas. He was in the postoffice mailing a letter and left the gloves lying on the desk while he went across the street a few minutes. When he came back the gloves were gone. Mr. Crain has a pretty good idea who took them, and takes this means of telling him that if he will leave the gloves at the Brannan tailoring establishment no questions will be asked; otherwise the police will be put on the job.

Insurance Man Is Quite Sick

Superintendent Maxwell D. Schreiber, of the Western and Southern Insurance company is ill at his home corner Lincoln street and Robinson avenue with a threatened attack of pneumonia.

Lehman's store open Saturday. 30-3

NEW SONG HAS SCORED HIT IN EAST

Frank Lindsley, a graduate of the Gallipolis high school, who lives with his uncle John Preston in Green township, Gallia county, has written a pretty song destined to become quite popular, it is believed, and entitled "My Billy Is a Soldier Boy." The music was composed by Clifton Keith. Lindsley is a very bright and studious and industrious young man, and his friends are pleased with the prospects that his talents and efforts as a songwriter are to be suitably rewarded. The Times acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a copy of the song from the author. The music is catchy and it is not surprising to learn that it is finding a big sale in the East.

They Bought A Big Belt

The B. P. S. on Thursday purchased a leather belt from I Reitz & Son for the Madison street pumping station. The belt cost $25.

When The Stomach Stops

Working Properly Because There Is Wind in it, Use Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets to Set It Going Again.

A TRIAL BOX FREE.

THE DOCTORS call it flatulency, but unprofessional folks know it as "wind on the stomach," and a most distressing state of things it is. It is a serious condition of this great motor organ. Always annoying and painful in the extreme, at times often leading to bad and fatal results. The stomach embarrassed and hampered with wind, cannot take care of its food properly and indigestion follows, and this has a train too appalling to enumerate. The entire system is implicated—made an active or passive factor in this trouble and life soon becomes a questionable boon.

ALL THIS IS EXPLAINED in doctor books; how undigested food causes gases by fermentation and fermentation in which process some essential fluids are destroyed—burnt up—wasted by chemical action, followed by defective nutrition and the distribution through the alimentary tract of chemically wrong elements and as a consequence the entire system is starved. Plenty of food, you see, but spoilt in preparation and worse than worthless.

A DERANGED STOMACH is the epitome of evil; nothing too bad to emanate from it, but the gas it generates is probably the worst primary effect and the only way to do away with this is to remove the cause. STUART'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS go to the root of this trouble. They attack the gas making foods and render them harmless. Flatulency or wind on the stomach simply cannot exist where these powerful and wonder working little tablets are in evidence.

THEY WERE MADE for this very purpose to attack the gas making foods and convert them into the proper nutriment. This is their province and office. A whole book could be written about them and then not all told that might be told with profit to sufferers from this painful disease, dyspepsia. It would mention the years of patient and expensive experiment in an effort to arrive at this result—of failures innumerable and at last success. It would make mention of the different stomach correctives that enter into this tablet and make it faithfully represent all.

STUART'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS are not alone intended for the sick, but well folks as well; for the person who craves hearty foods and wants to eat heartily and run no risk of bad effects, they act like a charm and make eating and digestion a delight and pleasure. They keep the stomach active and energetic and able and willing to do extra work without special labor or effort. Don't forget this. Well people are often neglected, but the STUART DIGESTIVE TABLETS have them in mind.

A FREE TRIAL PACKAGE will be sent any one who wants to know just what they are, how they look and taste, before beginning treatment with them. After this go to a drug store for them; everywhere, here or at home, they are 50 cents a box and by getting them at home you will save time and postage. Your doctor will prescribe them; they say there are 40,000 doctors using them, but when you know what is the matter yourself, why go to the expense of a prescription! For free trial package address F. A. Stuart Co., 150 Stuart Bldg. Marshall, Mich.

P. S. Better send to day for samples of the tablet. You will get quite a box of them.

A NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

On nearing the Portsmouth side of the river near the wharfboat Thursday afternoon, after he had finished a trip across the ice-bound river, Charley Abbott, young son of Charles Abott, Chillicothe street painter, broke through the ice and but for the assistance of his comrade, Raymond Billian, who held out a stick to the sinking boy, Abbott would have drowned.

Both boys were just congratulating themselves upon having completed their first trip when Charles stepped upon some ice which apparently had no water under it. Raymond Billian warned him to look out as he was on an air-hole, but Charles unheeding the warning stepped further to the center of the spot. There was a cracking and a splashing and Abbott sunk beneath the broken ice. The boy soon came up to the surface, however, and clutched the jagged edge of the ice as Billian grabbed a pole on shore and reaching it to Abbott, pulled him into safety.

Billian took off his overcoat and threw it about the ice-covered boy, and together they made one mad dash for the Abbott home on North Chillicothe street. On Friday morning Abbott felt as well as ever and was allowed to go and enjoy his vacation. He speaks in glowing terms of Raymond Billian, whom he gives the credit for saving his life. Billian is a son of Charles Billian, a well known shoeworker.

NOTICE.

Lehman's shoe store will be open Saturday. 30-3

CAPT. DENNIS IS LUCKY

One of the luckiest fellows in the country as well as one of the best pilots in the river business is Capt. Will Dennis, who had great foresight, says the Gallipolis Tribune. He quit the river two years ago, went south with his wife, accepted a good position, has been promoted and is receiving a good salary with the Wells Fargo Express Co. The steamboat business on the upper Ohio, has become very uncertain both in the winter and summer months.

Mr. Dennis married Helen Johnson of Ironton, and both are quite well known here.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days.

Pazo Ointment is guaranteed to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to return our many thanks to the neighbors, friends and relatives who so kindly assisted us in our sad bereavement, the death of our dear grandchild. We also thank Brother Gray for the many kind words he spoke. We also thank those that brought the beautiful flowers.

MRS. GEORGE TILTON AND FAMILY.

FEEBLE OLD PEOPLE may have strength and renewed vitality.

Vinol

contains the elements necessary to nourish every tissue and replace weakness with strength. Should it fail to do so in any case we refund the money paid us for the medicine used. Please try it.

FRANK AMANN, Druggist, 2 stores, Portsmouth.

"Big.... Clearance Sale Now On at HAAS'"

The Haas Clothing Co.

Corner Fifth and Chillicothe Street

With the good year of nineteen hundred and nine behind us, it is both our pleasure and privilege to wish every one, a Merry Christmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Albert Zoellner

Jeweler and Optician
Third and Chillicothe.

Before buying your next Suit or Overcoat, see me.

McGARRY, The Tailor,
21 Gallia.

We also do neat Repairing, Cleaning and Pressing.

THE REASON....

You don't get better service from Varnish is because you don't demand it. Come in, I'll put you Varnish wise—Chi-namel for floors and furniture.

The Pure Drug Co

JOHN E. RAPP, Mgr.
TURLEY BLDG.

STORE WILL BE OPEN THIS EVENING AND CLOSED TOMORROW!

BUY YOUR RUBBERS AT ANDERSONS'

Read This Advertisement and You'll Know Why!

Every one knows that the price of rubber has raised considerably in the past year, and everybody that knows anything about rubber knows that it is advancing in price right along and that it will advance more. We saw these conditions 'way last spring early and we began to plan how we could save our customers money on rubbers this fall and winter. We went to work and placed our order for rubbers then so as to get the advantage of the low prices. Practically all of our rubber stock was bought at old prices and we are selling practically all of it at the old retail prices that prevailed when rubber was lower than it is now.

By buying your rubbers at our store you save the increase in price of rubbers and get the very best rubbers made. This is just another incident where The Big Store saves you money. Take advantage of it.

LADIES' RUBBERS at 50c to 90c. **MEN'S RUBBERS** at 75c, 85c and $1.00. **BOYS' RUBBERS** at 60c and 75c. **MISSES RUBBERS** at 50c and 60c. **CHILDREN'S RUBBERS** at 40c and 50c.

Children's Leggins, in Jersey, Bear Skin and Knit

Keep the children warm with leggins. We have the Knit, Jersey and Bear Skin kinds here in all sizes. Just bring your child in and let us put them right on. Don't wait till the cold weather is gone or your child gets a cold, before you make up your mind that a pair of warm leggins are needed. Prices are 20c, 35c, 50c, 75c and $1.00 per pair.

Women's Well-Wearing Shoes For Winter Weather

If your shoes are a little thin you will feel it pretty quick when you step out these days. Don't run any risks with weather like this, it doesn't pay. It's cheaper to buy shoes than to pay the doctor, and Andersons' shoe department is a prevention that is worth all the doctors in town if you will but use it in time. Now is the time.

See our typical winter shoes for women. The kind that you can go out with in the coldest weather and feel safe. These shoes have plenty of style and you will like them. They are easy on the feet and are very serviceable.

GUN METAL CALF Button and Blucher styles at $2.50, $3.00 and $3.50.
VICI KID bluchers at $1.50, $2.00, $3.00 and $3.50.

The real dressy shoes in Black Suede and Patent Colt at $2.50 to $4.00 perhaps will interest you.

RUBBERS RUBBERS **The Anderson Bros Co.** COR. CHILLICOTHE & THIRD STS. RUBBERS RUBBERS

A Happy New Year

Is our wish. Come and see us.

IN 1910

For all your wants in Men's Furnishings and Shoes.

LEMON & WHITE
Eleventh and Lawson Sts.

Columbia Gold Moulded Records 15c

R. S. PRICHARD
39 Gallia

Food For Reflection

When you stop to consider, the business of Banking, to be really successful, must be conducted on conservative and sane lines. The loans must be selected as though one's own money was at stake. No matter how strong is the organization of a bank, how complete and elegant fittings, its best claim for business must be based on unquestioned security. That is the foundation principle of this bank.

The Central National Bank

SELL
Furniture and Stoves to
W. H. SMITH,
No. 9 West Fifth Street.
Home Phone 365

TOM KINNEY HAS SOME OLD MONEY

Thomas W. Kinney has some old documents which he prizes very highly from the fact that they are mute witnesses for the kind of money that was in use in the Portsmouth in the early and middle periods of the nineteenth century. Mr. Kinney is not the oldest man in town, but he is considerable of an antiquarian and takes a proper interest in whatever connects the present history of Portsmouth with its past history.

They used 'scrip' in the old days; "white horse" they call it now. Most people were very glad to get these "promises to pay."

Mr. Kinney has a small piece of paper, which is a "promise to pay" six and one-fourth cents to whoever may present said paper to the office of the "corporation of Portsmouth." John R. Turner, clerk. This note was issued in 1837. "Six and one-fourth cents" sounds queer at this day, but the six and a fourth cent piece known as a "long pip," was a Spanish silver coin, and Spanish coin was pretty nearly all the coin in circulation in the United States at that time. There was the Spanish "long bit" or twelve and a half cent piece, the Spanish quarter, and worth 25 cents the same as now. Then there was the Spanish half-dollar and dollar. All these coins were worn smooth and would hardly pass now days. Spain unloaded a ship load of this worn out stuff upon the United States in payment for some colonial purchase. The term "two bits" "six bits" and "four bits" is still largely used in the Southern States. When the United States began coining its mint money, the new coinage gradually worked out the old. The new ten cent pieces were called "short bits," now dimes, and the new five cent pieces were referred to as "short pips."

Another piece in Mr. Kinney's possession is a twenty cent note on the corporation of Portsmouth, issued in 1810, with Thomas Waller, president, and Nathan K. Clough, treasurer. Mr. Waller was the grandfather of Mr. Kinney, and Mr. Clough built and occupied the house on West Fourth street, formerly used as the old Teachers' Home and now occupied by Ray McCord and family.

There is a twenty-five cent issue of the corporation of Portsmouth dated October 1837, and an order on the Gaylord Rolling Mill company, issued in 1841, and signed by Thos. G. Gaylord, president. This note is larger than the others and quite artistic in appearance, with a good cut of the old mill as it appeared from the river. Old rolling mill men tell us that at a later day than that the operators had to take their pay in iron, and then to take their chances on selling the iron.

Another large and well executed note is an order for ten dollars on the corporation of Portsmouth, and signed by Edward Hamilton, president, and Moses Gregory, recorder. Note was issued in 1845. Mr. Hamilton was editor of the Portsmouth Tribune and when the Mexican war broke out raised company of volunteers and went to the front, serving to the end of the war. During the Monterey campaign he met General Taylor, who liked the Portsmouth editor-captain, and when Taylor became president he made Hamilton territorial governor of Oregon, a position which he held honorably to the end of his long life. Mr. Kinney, who has lately returned from Oregon, says the people out there all refer to him as "General" Hamilton.

Trouble Makers Ousted.

When a sufferer from stomach trouble takes Dr. King's New Life Pills he's mighty glad to see his Dyspepsia and Indigestion fly, but more—he's tickled over his new, fine appetite, strong nerves, healthy vigor, all because stomach, liver and kidneys now work right. 25c at The Fisher & Streich Pharmacy.

Big Noises Go To Ironton

Al Jones, William Gooden and Daniel Fawcett, local colored celebrities, went to Ironton Thursday, and where that evening they attended the Masonic lodge.

Show Agent Is In Town

Frank McCormick, the second agent for the "Three Twins" was in the city Thursday. He says business has been great, for the "Three Twin" do business, where others cannot. The show will have a special train of four coaches to Chillicothe from Portsmouth, being too heavy to add to the regular train.

Hicks' CAPUDINE Cures Sick Headache.

Also Nervous Headache, Travelers Headache and aches from Grip, Stomach Troubles or Female troubles. Try Capudine—it's liquid—effects immediately. Sold by druggists.

Hogan Given Loving Cup

Hon. T. S. Hogan, of this city, was the recipient of a handsome loving cup Monday from the lodge of Elks at Ironton, which he prizes very highly and is as happy as when in his boyhood days he got a new pair of red-top boots. He takes great delight in showing the cup to friends and telling them of the great friendship of the boys at Ironton.—Wellston Sentinel.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

BUY FARM FOR BRIDGE SITE

Huntington, Dec. 31.—The Huntington Northern Railroad company closed a deal with the Edgerton heirs whereby it came into the possession of a hundred feet wide right of way through the Edgerton farm on the Ohio side, directly opposite the foot of Seventeenth street, Huntington, and along which its new bridge will sweep when completed. The consideration was $8,500.

The consummation of this deal fixes the status of the bridge question and it is but a short time now until the work will be commenced on the structure that is to mean so much to this city and the surrounding territory. The right of way purchased runs directly through the middle of the farm, owned by Will Edgerton and brother, of near Chesapeake, and practically carries the bridge to the Symmes creek valley, where the railroad construction wil be commenced.

When In Doubt

About painting, papering, graining or sign paper call Brehmer, Home phone 917. He will tell you honestly what you ought to have, not what would pay him most to do for you.

DECORATE IN HONOR OF REVARE

Weichens' cigar store is decorated with many and varied signs, tending to make things interesting for Floyd Revare, who was married last week to Miss Simon, of West Sixth street. The decorating was done by some of Revare's friends. Here are some of the inscriptions:

"What's the matter with the billtop car? Ask Weber if he knows."

"I love this cigar store, but you heard what she said."

"Kelley, you're next.—Revare."

"Floyd, why did you leave us—the bunch?"

"Revare is now Mister."

"I love my life, but oh, you kid."

"Ten o'clock; come home at once.—Mrs. Newlywed."

Visits Brother In Portsmouth

Isaac Sperry of Deering, O., has returned from Portsmouth, where he went to see his brother, George Sperry, who is in grave condition with symptoms of paralysis. While in Ironton, Mr. Sperry is visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Howell of South Sixth St. —Ironton Register.

More Troubles For The D. T. & I. Railway

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Additional complications in the affairs of the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton appeared Thursday when a suit for a receiver was filed in the United States district court here. The plaintiff is the Central Trust company of New York, and the petition alleges that the D., T. & I. has defaulted on interest payment of $90,000 upon an issue of $4,500,000 worth of bonds secured by the southern division from Lima to Ironton. This is the property known heretofore as the Ohio Southern. The Knickerbocker Trust company, of New York, is made a party defendant, because of its partial ownership. The sale of the property is requested for the benefit of the bondholders. At the present time the D., T. & I. is defendant before the state railway commission in proceedings brought by receivers and shippers along its line for failure to furnish proper facilities for transportation. Without directly naming it the railway commission, in its annual report, filed this month, severely criticises the financial operations of the directorate, declaring that its troubles are due to over capitalization and inefficient management. The officials of the road have been in frequent consultation with the railroad commissioners. Eugene Zimmerman, the controlling spirit, attending a couple of the meetings. No final order has been made by the state commission, promises of better service having been made.

Lehman's store open Saturday. 30-3

Young Shoeworker Receives A Legacy

John Fisto, a shoeworker, boarding at the Biggs house, on Thursday received a legacy of $1800 from the estate of his father. Fisto was born at Maysville. His father died when he was quite young, leaving a $5000 estate to which Fisto was the sole heir. The lad was reared by an uncle and set up a claim for part of the $5000 for his board and education. The matter was threshed out in the courts and was finally decided last week. When Fisto's uncle and the attorney fees were paid, there was left $1800 of the $5000, and this amount was paid to Fisto Thursday.

Fisto had two fingers mangled recently in an accident at the Excelsior Shoe company factory and has been loafing until he recovers from his injuries.

A MISSIONARY RALLY AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A foreign missionary rally will be held in the First Christian church in this city on Wednesday, Jan. 5th. This rally is held under the auspices of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society. President A. McLean of the society, will be present and conduct the rally. M. D. Adams of India and R. Ray Eldred of Africa, will be present and speak. Mr. Adams has been in India twenty-five years. He speaks as an expert. Mr. Eldred is just home from Africa. He has been at work for two terms at one of the most successful missions in the world. A number of preachers from the surrounding country will be present and participate in the exercises. This will be a great occasion. The Christian people of this city cannot afford to miss it. The service will begin at 10 o'clock and will last all day. At night moving pictures will be shown and explained. No appeal will be made for cash or pledges. Maps, charts, curios and literature will be on exhibition. These are of the greatest interest and of the greatest value. The people of the city are cordially invited to attend this rally. They can come and go at any time.

Sweeping Reductions On Fine Furs.....

Here is a chance for you that knows the value of good Furs. A few choice pieces left which will be closed out regardless of cost or value.

Two Natural Mink Scarfs worth $16.50 reduced to $10.00

One Natural Mink Set worth $75.00, reduced to $48.00

One Sable Fox Scarf worth $32.50, reduced to $22.00

One Sable Fox Rug Muff worth $15.00 reduced to $11.00

One Black Fox Set Shawl Collarette and Rug Muff worth $40.00 reduced to $30.00

One lot of Black Astrachan Pillow Muffs worth $5.00 or more to close out, choice 75c

One lot of Stole Effect Fur Scarfs sold up to $5 each such as Beaver, Squirrel and Coney, choice only 75c

One small lot of Brown or Black Muffs and Scarfs to match, sold at $2.98 and $3.50, while they last, per set, only $1.98

Sweeping reductions on Suits, Children's Cloaks, Ladies' and Misses Cloaks. Stock must be reduced in a hurry.

Wishing one and all a most happy and prosperous New Year, yours for big bargains in 1910.

The Atlas Trading Co.

603 CHILLICOTHE STREET

The Home of Kabo Corsets and Simmon's Kid Gloves

SETTLE CASES FOR $200 APIECE

Tazewell, Va., Dec. 31.—All of the famous "explosion" cases, as they are familiarly known in the Tazewell courts, were compromised in the Tazewell circuit court, except one, by the defendant company paying each complainant $200 and the expenses incident to the docketing of the cases. There were wiped from the docket 28 cases, making a total amount to be paid by the company of over $6000.

The large number of suits grew out of an explosion which occurred in the mines of the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Co., at Pocahontas in October, 1906, in which a large number of miners were killed, the majority of whom were foreigners. Under the Virginia statutes an amount of $10,000 can be recovered from coal companies for the death of an employe, if negligence can be shown, and with this in view 32 suits were filed in the circuit court of Tazewell about two years ago, for $10,000 each, making a total of $320,000, exclusive of costs, in case the complainants had recovered.

Remains Taken To Argellete

George Colvin, who was killed at Ironton, by a windlass slipping and crushing his head, was a native of Magaffin county, Ky. His remains were taken to Argellete, Ky., for burial.

THEY NEVER FAIL

That Is What They Say About Them in Portsmouth, And It Is Therefore Reliable.

Another proof, more evidence, Portsmouth testimony to swell the long list of local people who endorse the old Quaker Remedy, Doan's Kidney Pills. Read this corroborating endorsement of that remarkable preparation:

Willis Calhoun, 45 W. Front St., Portsmouth, Ohio, says: "My first experience with Doan's Kidney Pills took place about ten years ago. At that time I was almost laid up with backache and sharp, cutting pains through my kidneys. I had a frequent desire to pass the kidney secretions and this plainly showed that my kidneys were out of order. Seeing Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, I obtained a supply at Fisher & Streich's drug store. They relieved me at once and the results of the second box effected a cure. In September, 1901, I gave a public statement, recommending Doan's Kidney Pills, and at this time I am glad to speak in their behalf again. The turpentine used in my business has had a bad effect on my kidneys and occasionally the organs get out of order. At such times I use Doan's Kidney Pills, however, and they always have the desired effect."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

We Wish Our Friends and Patrons A Happy and Prosperous New Year

Store Open Until 10 O'clock Tonight

The Bragdon Dry Goods Company

He Returned To Dayton, O.

Attorney Nathan Fulton returned to his practice at Dayton Thursday after a holiday visit with home folks in this county. He is a brother of Clerk James W. Fulton of the local post office.

A complete line of **Baldwin Pianos**

Ellington, Hamilton, Howland, Valley Gem, Monarch Pianos, Player Pianos. 88 West Second.

Coasting On The Driveway

The Court street driveway over the flood wall is a favorite coasting place and is thronged all day long with youngsters and their sleds.

DENTIST

D. D. STONER

422 Chillicothe Street.
Home phone X 804.
Open Evenings by appointment

GOOD RIGS, FINE HORSES, BEST SERVICE.

Thorough renovation and improved accommodations.

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The Eyes

Are the most precious of all human possessions and yet the most ill used.

DON'T NEGLECT YOUR EYES

We examine eyes FREE and make Glasses to suit all defects of sight.

YOUR money is no good to us if you are not a pleased patron.

Williams & Bagby

Manufacturing Opticians,
617 Chillicothe Street.
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Exceptional Fine Line of Holiday Cigars, Perfumes and Candies Also Combs, Brushes and Manicure Sets.

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The Druggist,
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Growing 40,000 a year. If interested and want to make investment in city suburban or acreage property, write us for information.

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HUSBANDS:
Gold Medal Flour pleases the cook.
PARENTS.

Wholesale Price List of Pure Whiskies

Denison Pure Rye	$4.00 per gal.
Denison's Bourbon	$4.00 per gal.
Dillinger Pure Rye	$3.50 per gal.
Guckenheimer	$3.00 per gal.
White Mountain	$3.00 per gal.
Belle of Nelson	$3.00 per gal.
Our Private Stock	$2.15 per gal
Monogram	$2.25 per gal.
Buffalo	$2.00 per gal.
Corn Whiskey	$2.00 per gal.

Express charges prepaid on goods costing $3 per gallon.

S. M. DENISON

Wholesaler of Pure Whiskey

306 East Main St., Chillicothe, O.

Mail Orders promptly shipped in plain box.

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You Buy That SUIT OR OVERCOAT SEE ME.
Suits from $15 up.
Overcoats from $18 up.

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THE TAILOR.
115 WEST SECOND.

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Merchant Tailor.
Special attention given to dry cleaning, pressing and repairing.

Vic Penmann

Noted as the Best Chef in the city is now with

The Busy Bee Restaurant

311 CHILLICOTHE STREET.

Superior services, elegant appointments—a cool, clean place.

NOTICE!

The place to buy children's High Top Shoes, all sizes, for Christmas, is at the Factory Shoe Store.

H. W. MATHIOTT.

Offnere and Gallia,
Phone Y 1253.

DON'T FORGET THOSE BROWNIE KODAKS FOR CHILDREN FROM $1.00 TO $9.00. ALL SIZES. PERFECT.

Wurster Bros.

Leading Druggists.
419 Chillicothe street.

Credit

We want it for underselling every furniture house in town.

CREDIT

You want it sometimes. If we exchange credit we both are better off.

Who is the loser, the dealer with high rents, who expects you to pay more for your order or to pay his expenses. We make this plain statement and let you answer it yourself.

CASH OR CREDIT.

Come and see us and our goods. Prices and terms will do the rest.

CASH OR CREDIT.

Our Motto: "Undersell"

East End Furniture Co.

MORE LOVE LETTERS OF FRANK JAY GOULD TO MISS BESSIE DE VOIE

New York, Dec. 31.—More love letters alleged to have been written by Frank Jay Gould to Bessie De Voie, a dancing girl, were made public Thursday. The dancer is suing for $250,000 damages, claiming Gould broke a promise to marry her.

"Elsie Janis gets so tiresome," Mr. Gould wrote in reporting his movements one day in February last.

834 Fifth Ave., Tuesday.

My Own Bessie—Your sweet letter did not arrive until this morning, so yesterday I had to go without one. Now I can feel better how it is when you want one to have to go without. It does make one feel lonely, doesn't it. Do you think it is as interesting working the puzzles for the second time? I don't but it's funny how sometimes the second time takes longer than the first. The "Bride's luncheon" was a hard one to do. Am sorry about Jap saying those things. Of course I don't know if Rogy is telling the truth, but I think he is, and so am sure that the person has never been in his apartment. He has spoken to her, though, but only at a restaurant. Was disappointed in Elsie Janis. She gets so tiresome. Have not felt well today, so will be alone again tonight. Think everything is settled now and that it will go through quickly. Came up to see the children this afternoon. Yours, dear Bessie, with all my love and kisses. FRANK.

Feb. '09.

Asked to Guess the Date.

In the following letter Miss De Voie is asked to guess the date of the alleged promised wedding, which she says she knew and which was to have been Sept. 14, but Mr. Gould sailed for Europe that day.

No. 834 Fifth Ave., Monday.

My Own Dear Bessie—As soon as you left I again felt so lonely and would be glad to (3841 Preston on the wire) see you again. Mrs. Slayback thinks that you are immense and so does Mr. (that's Will). Am going to figure out the number of days that will intervene between today and?— Can you guess? There is something nice for a prize if you answer correctly and close your eyes. With all my love to my own dearest Bessie and lots of kisses until tomorrow.

HER FRANK.

March 15, 1909.

"Sweet And Noble."

"You are everything that is good, sweet and noble," Mr. Gould writes to Miss De Voie in this letter:

834 Fifth Ave. Monday.

My Own Dear Bessie—It wasn't good of me at all to have a letter for you Sunday—only what you deserved and you deserve so much more than anything like that and I want you to know it if you do not already. Hope you did not wear pumps when you walked, as with your cold you should be careful. Your letter was, I think the sweetest you had ever written to me. I agree with your sentiments entirely. Came home early last night and will be home early this evening again. The lovely thoughts you have about me, Bessie dear, I don't deserve at all, as you are a thousand times better. I had the same thoughts about you, for you are everything that is good, sweet and noble, and I love you so. With all my love and kisses, dear Bessie. YOUR FRANK.

May 3, 1909.

Paymaster Sick.

J. G. Shaw, paymaster at the N. & W. terminals, is laid up at his home on East Ninth street, with a bad case of intestinal troubles.

CROUP

Is the ghost that haunts every home of a child's life. GOWAN'S PREPARATION gives instant relief and comfort. Just rub it on—don't weaken the stomach with drugs. Keep it in the house. 25c, 50c. All druggists.

Have your Shoes repaired right at the

ELECTRIC REPAIR SHOP,
356 Gallia Street,
Opposite Fire Department.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I desire to hereby announce to the public that I have opened offices at Nos. 26 and 27 Turley building, Cor. 2nd and Chillicothe Sts., this city, for the purpose of engaging in the general practice of the law. Will be associated in office suite with Mr. Jas. S. Thomas.

WM. D. JAMES.

NEW BOSTON LADY DIES THURSDAY

Mrs. Charles Plummer, formerly of Ironton, died Thursday, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Nelson, at New Boston.

She had been sick with Bright's disease and the last few days, her condition became very grave, and her death was momentarily expected.

Mrs. Plummer was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zeek of Fourth and Spruce streets, Ironton, and her mother was at her bedside, when she departed this life.

She was about 42 years of age and her death will be mourned by a loving husband, who is employed at New Boston in the steel plant, and two children, Willie and Minnie.

O'Keefe and son of Ironton, were telephoned to come down to New Boston and they drove down Thursday afternoon for the remains to convey them to Ironton for interment.

For HEADACHE—Hicks' CAPUDINE.

Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous Troubles, Capudine will relieve you. It's liquid—pleasant to take—acts immediately. Try it 10c., 25c., and 50c. At drug stores.

SHORE ICE IS HEAVIEST IN MANY YEARS

Captain Moore, authority on river news, claims that he never saw the shore ice along the Ohio river as it is at present time. He further says that it extends further out than he ever saw it. In some places close to the city he says it reaches nearly 150 feet and is gorged to the bottom. This, he claims, will make the ice extremely hard to move.

At present there is only one place in the river that is not completely closed. Reference is made to the Scioto current, near Pop Corn Point, and this particular place has never been known to be frozen over.

ASK CHANGE IN PHONE SERVICE

A delegation of Greenup citizens headed by E. E. Fullerton, Dr. A. S. Brady and Nick Klein, C. & O. agent, expect to attend the annual meeting at Ashland, of the company that controls the telephone company in Greenup county. A demand will be made for representation on the board of directors and for better service.

At present the Greenup lines connect with the long distance of the Bell company at Ashland, and this makes it very inconvenient for talking to Portsmouth and other Ohio points. A request will be made for a connection with the Portsmouth long distance via Fullerton, Ky., instead of Ashland. It is possible a long distance operator may be put at Fullerton, Ky., and the long distance business carried on from that point.

Finds Dollar In the Snow

Mail Carrier Harry Huddleson hasn't any rabbit's foot, but he has the next best thing a keen eye, as shown by the fact that he discovered a dollar bill in a snow drift near the postoffice Thursday evening. He is waiting for the owner to call around, and if the loser fails to make a demand upon him he expects to frame the bill, for it is the first thing he ever found in his life that had the least bit of value.

Gas Explosion At Excelsior Branch

Of a gas explosion at the Excelsior branch shoe factory at Ironton, the Ironton Register, of Thursday said:

"Richard McSorley, watchman at the Excelsior shoe factory had a narrow escape from a serious accident at the plant. Mr. McSorley was making his rounds on the second floor with a lighted lantern in his hand. Going near a gas stove, he soon discovered that the gas was on, but not burning, until it ignited with his lantern. The explosion knocked him topsey turvey, but he managed to subdue the flames and escape with some slight injuries about the head and says he was more scared than hurt. It was a close call, however."

Increase Shown In Beer Consumption

Washington, Dec. 31.—That the beer brewers of the country are recovering from the slump in the consumption of that beverage, which characterized the fiscal year ended June 30, 1909, when the internal revenue receipts fell off nearly $2,500,000, is shown by the November treasury statement, giving such returns from all sources. During November the taxes on beer increased $603,947 over November, 1908, which means that just so many more barrels were taken from the breweries for ultimate use. For the first five months of the current year the increase in beer tax receipts over the corresponding period of the fiscal year 1909 amounted to $777,858, the summer months of the current year showing an increase, while in September and October there was a falling off. Internal revenue officials say an increase in consumption of beer is an indication of prosperity, as, being a poor man's drink, it use accurately reflects the trend of industrial conditions.

The interesting fact also is brought out that the retail liquor dealers' special tax for the first five months of the current fiscal year shows a decrease of $282,779, as compared with the corresponding period of the previous year, which the officials say is due to the wave of prohibition which has swept over various sections of the United States.

Kinney Funk Given Bunch Of Presents

Mrs. Kinney Funk, formerly of this city, but now of Ironton, where her husband is superintendent of a branch of the Excelsior Shoe Company, spent Thursday morning in the city, the guest of friends. She brought word that the employees of the factory presented her husband with a handsome silk umbrella as a Christmas present, while the Goodyear company sent him a handsome time piece as a Christmas present. Kinney's many friends will be glad to learn that he is doing nicely in Ironton, where he and his estimable wife have made a large circle of friends.

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Mr. Howland Is At Home

C. M. Howland of the Portsmouth Hat Company, arrived home Tuesday from Alexandria, Ohio, where he went to spend the holidays. His wife will return later in the week.

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COLD WAVE HAS LOST ITS GRIP

The cold wave that has been holding this vicinity in its tenacious grip for the past few days, lost its hold Thursday night, and on Friday morning the mercury in the tube stood at 20 degrees above zero, a change for the better of 21 degrees.

Thursday evening as early as 5 o'clock, it was apparent that the weather was moderating. At this time the thermometer showed 14 above, but within four hours it had risen to 20, and staid at that point during the entire night.

The night, however, was sufficiently cold to make ice, and river men claim that at least an inch was added to the thickness of the crystal that has completely blocked the Ohio river, making it perfectly safe to cross. Hundreds of people are availing themselves of the opportunity, and at 6 o'clock Friday morning, a methodical citizen claims that he counted 145 people on the ice at one time.

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EVENING TIMES SPORTS

Raise Salaries Of the Umpires

Having given one of their former umpires a fine Christmas present in the shape of the presidency of the National league with comfortable salary attachment, would it not be good policy from a business as well as a sentimental standpoint for baseball magnates to start the new year with a resolution to treat all their umpires better?

In the National league, with an ex-arbitrator in the executive chair, the work of the umpire in handling obstreperous players on the diamond will be made easier than ever, and in the American league, with President Johnson upholding them in every move, the umpires will have no more fear of losing their positions than ever.

But the security of a position is not everything. There would not be enough ball players to make up sixteen major league clubs if the players were accorded the same treatment on the field as that handed out to the judges of play both by the players and by the public, unless greater financial inducements were held out to young athletes than is now the case. And ball players' salaries are not diminutive by any means.

Would Attract Better Men.

It would cost a lot more to keep good players in the game than it does now if they were to be made the target for abuse and vilification every time they made an error or by poor judgment lost a game of ball. The chief reason for the scarcity of good umpires is the abuse to which their jobs expose them.

It is possible to ameliorate the abuse to a certain extent, but it may prove a slow process. Another method which might help would be to increase the salaries of umpires. That would offer greater temptations to men of good judgment, character and standing to become umpires and would decrease the quantity of less capable umpires who now are practically a necessity for lack of better timber.

There is no reason why Wagner and Lajoie should be paid higher salaries than Hank O'Day, Jack Sheridan, Tommy Connolly or any of the other veteran umpires in either league. In fact it is much easier to find good ball players than good umpires, because the supply of players is so much greater. Raising the salaries of umpires would increase the players' respect for them and also the public's.

The average American citizen of today talks and thinks chiefly in dollar signs and a good many of them worship that symbol. By affixing to the umpire more dollar signs there is little doubt his social standing would be improved throughout fandom.

JEFFRIES TRAINING BOUTS TO BE IN PRIVATE

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Jim Jeffries is going to train for his fight with Jack Johnson in secret. This was announced today by James J. Corbett, who has agreed to help Jeff get into shape.

"Jeffries' training will make the customary secret practice of boxp ball clubs look like a public exhibition, by comparison," the former champion said today, "I'm going to help him, as announced in the last six weeks of his preparations. We will fight three real fights in that time—and not a soul will see us.

"Even Jeff's trainers won't know anything about it. We'll get up at 5 a. m. and lock ourselves in a room. We will put one trainer—the only one we'll confide in—in an adjoining room to call time and shoo off everybody else. Neither Jack Johnson nor anybody else will get a line on Jeff's condition in those fights.

"And I'm going to make Jeff go the limit. We'll have heavily padded gloves, and it will be an endurance test every time. It wouldn't do him or me any good for him to knock me out."

ONE MINUTE RESTS A FOOTBALL SUGGESION

Washington, Dec. 31.—Phil King, the old Princeton quarter, has forwarded the following suggestions for changing the rules of football to the Intercollegiate Athletic association:

Play the backs five yards back of the line of scrimmage.

Play seven men on the line of defense at all times. In order to offset the line on defense spreading against that formation, allow the quarterback to run anywhere with the ball.

In the event that the forward pass is retained, remove all restrictions, allowing passes over the line and allowing any player to recover the ball after it has been touched, arrange one minute rests at the end of each 10, 20 and 30-minute periods, giving the captain a little time to note the men's condition and fitness to remain in the game. No coach or other man connected with a contesting team to be allowed on the field during the period of rest.

WILL LAY ASIDE HIS DIAMOND SPANGLES TO PREACH GOSPEL

Wilfred W. Duval, a well-known professional baseball pitcher of Boston, Mass., has decided to desert the diamond, and recently went from Boston to Montreal, where he entered the novitiate as a candidate for the priesthood. Duval hails from Woonsocket, R. I., the city that produced Napoleon Lajoie, and like Lajoie he played in the Woonsocket Mill league, which has turned out a number of good players first and last. Duval was graduated from St. Laurent's college in Montreal last June and immediately afterward joined the Lowell club of the New England league, where he not only won more than half of his games, but won both ends of a doubleheader upon one occasion, and on another day pitched his team to victory in a 17-inning contest.

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Marvin Hart Has Become A Sleuth

Louisville, Dec. 31.—It's up to Sherlock Holmes to keep his eye skinned for new and sensational methods of tracking criminals, for Marvin Hart, Louisville's redoubtable pugilist, has been appointed to the position of district detective in the office of Commonwealth's Attorney Joseph Huffaker. Marvin will succeed Chris Mueller, who has resigned to accept an appointment in the sheriff's office.

Marvin will not take up his duties until January 1, so until then it will not be known whether he will follow methods entirely his own or whether he will pattern after Old Cap Collier, Old Sleuth or Hawkshaw. Possibly the subtleties of Scotland Yard appeal more strongly than any of the above, or it may be that he will emulate the disguises and protean accomplishments of the late Hardscrabble.

If Marvin decides to proceed along strictly original lines, something new in thief-taking may be expected. His training and experience in the prize ring may come in handy, in which case Marvin will draw deductions somewhat after the manner of Lady Macbeth, who said: "By the pricking of my thumbs something wicket this way comes."

Marvin should prove equally as skillful, and should be able to change the phraseology of the evil Scotswoman to something like this: "By the tickling of my dukes, some one's going to get the hooks."

Instead of asserting that he has his man brought to bay, Marvin will declare that he was "groggy" or "hanging on the ropes," and when he arrests him he will give him a "solar plexus." If he succeeds in bringing about a conviction it will be a case of his man "taking the count."

Marvin will begin his duties on the first of the year. Frank Carroll will be retained as a district detective attached to the commonwealth's attorney's office.

No Color Line Goes In This Baseball League

Boston, Dec. 31.—A baseball league in which the color line will be disregarded is being organized by Dr. G. H. A. Lawson. He conferred today with several possible backers for the proposed Boston club in the league.

"There are some fast players barred by their color from the big leagues," he said today. "They can have a chance with us. The circuit will include Boston, Providence, Brooklyn, Newark, Trenton, Paterson, Philadelphia and Baltimore. We have parks and capital in all those cities except Boston."

NELSON GETS $12,000, WIN LOSE OR DRAW

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 31.—Battling Nelson closed a match to fight Wolgast, 45 rounds before Sid Hester's club at San Francisco. Nelson's share is to be $12,000. Wolgast must fight there or lose his chance of winning the championship. The date is unsettled. Nelson also agreed to fight Hyland 10 rounds at Kansas City, and is to get for his share $7,500. Nelson closes his burlesque season Saturday.

Eddie Greenwald has been selected as Nelson's sparring partner and trainer. Nelson boxes at Saginaw, Mich., Jan. 4, and Madison, Wis., Jan. 8, then goes west.

Yankees Release Revell And Outfielder Gray

New York, Dec. 31.—The New York Americans today released Pitcher Revell to the Richmond club of the Virginia State league and Outfielder Gray to the Jersey City Eastern league team. The New York Americans now have turned back five players who were drafted or purchased from minor league clubs last season.

Notre Dame Wants Hernie

Notre Dame, Ind., Dec. 31.—Coach Frank Longman, whose football team went through the season without a defeat may not be returned to Notre Dame next fall. There has been friction and it is hinted that he was not a success with the fine material at hand. Walter Eckersall of Chicago and Al Herrnstein, formerly of Ohio State, are mentioned as probable successors.

Connie Mack wants a scout, owing to the leaving of Sam Kennedy, who will manage Evansville of the Central league. As there are plenty of scouts who want a job, Connie will have little difficulty in realizing his wish.

Tommy Burns Still A Sport In Australia

Tommy Burns, the former heavyweight champion, who has been making all kinds of money in Australia the past year, writes from Australia as follows:

"I have just returned to Melbourne to New Zealand and expect to go to Sydney with Mr. McIntosh and Bob Fitzsimmons. I will take in the Unholz-Cripps fight next week and expect to see Ruddy win, for he is in excellent condition. You would be surprised to see how the little fellow is going at present and when he gets through here he will go to England and I do not doubt but what he will visit America also. He is making lots of money and is wearing diamonds galore.

"My horse, which I bought recently, has been winning, and he runs again next week for the Brisbane cup. He is carrying heavy weight now for they certainly know how to put on weight here. Bill Squires had a little bad luck in his fight over here. He won the contest for 18 rounds and the boy posting the numbers put up the 20th in the 19th round and I thought it was the last round. Of course, I told Squires to go in and make the right kind of a finish, as I supposed that at that time he had the fight won. Of course, Bill went in and shot his bolt and when the end of the round came, I was surprised to look up and see that there was another round to be fought and that is what won the fight for Lang, for he put up a great contest in the 20th, and got the decision. If it had not been for the mix-up in the number of rounds, Squires would, no doubt, have won."

SCHREIBER HAS INSIDE TRACK

At present Harry Schreiber, N. & W. brakeman, has the inside track for the money prize to be given for the highest total of three consecutive games at the Majestic alleys. Thursday evening he rolled 244, 215 and 208, giving him a grand total of 668 pins. Should the figures not be beaten, Schreiber will be richer by $2.50 Saturday night, than he is at the present time.

How Lynch Was Chosen Head Of National

At last we have the truth as to how Tom Lynch became president, writes Allen Sangree, in the New York Journal. Most of us thought John T. Brush engineered the politics. But Charley Murphy now tells us that his statecraft was the real influence. Says Charley:

"It was apparent that neither Ward nor Brown could be elected. Then it was agreed that the four men voting for Brown would vote for a candidate to be named by those opposed to Heydler.

"President Brush of New York, named Lynch. He told me of his selection, and I agreed, upon the recommendation of men who knew the former umpire. I told Brush that he must deliver at least a twenty-five minute speech in making the nomination and to be sure and make no mention of the name of his candidate until the end. He did that. And for twenty-five minutes Herrmann and Dreyfuss sat at the council table with mouths wide open, waiting for the mention of the candidate's name. When it came they were with us and the election was made unanimous."

The New York Americans have released Pitcher Revell to Richmond and Outfielder Gray to Jersey City. This makes five of their youngsters who have been turned back.

Offers Odds On Jeffries

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Jim Jeffries has been made favorite in the first bet of a large amount in Chicago, Harry Frazee wagering $5000 on him against $4000 Johnson money. A broker took the Johnson end. Frazee said that Jeffries thought Corbett would aid him greatly. "Corbett's services to help condition Jeff will be accepted," said Frazee, "and Jeff will listen to every piece of advice handed him by the former world's champion."

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No. 16, Daily ..... 11:42 a. m.
No. 32 Daily, ex. Sun. 7:20 p. m.
No. 4 daily, fast train 12:01 a. m.

Columbus District—Westbound
No. 3 daily, fast train 3:55 a. m.
No. 33, Daily ex. Sun 7:28 a. m.
No. 15, Daily ..... 3:42 p. m.

Cincinnati District.
No. 23 daily, fast train 4:10 a. m.
No. 35 Daily, ex. Sun. 7:33 a. m.
No. 27 Daily ..... 2:10 p. m.
No. 25 Daily, fast train 3:45 p. m.

Cincinnati to Portsmouth.
Lv. 7:00 a.m. daily, ar. 10:35 a.m.
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Warriner Ready For Trip To Pen

Concerning the additional indictments returned against Mrs. Jesbetta Ford at Cincinnati Thursday, the [illegible] of Friday, says:

[illegible] indictment was returned [illegible] grand jury yesterday against [illegible] Stewart Ford, in connection with the shortage of Charles [illegible], the embezzling treasurer of the Big Four Railroad company. The first indictment charged her with receiving stolen goods in the money from Warriner which [illegible] had stolen from the company. This indictment [illegible] practically dropped, however, Mrs. Ford was even allowed her own bond for her release, after the second indictment was found.

[illegible] indictment charged [illegible] Mackmall said was [illegible] a better plea by her to [illegible] which she defrauded [illegible] to repay the [illegible] a $22,000 [illegible] embezzled by Ed. [illegible] who was in charge of the company under [illegible]. This indictment has been [illegible] as a quarrer, as not constituting an offense under the statutes. Judge Woodmansee has [illegible] that if section 6823 is still on the books the woman can be tried under the indictment. This section was repealed in 1879, however, but [illegible] still stands upon the statute books. It [illegible] is a misdemeanor to send [illegible] letter. Under this [illegible] Mrs. Ford had to give [illegible] bond.

The third indictment, returned yesterday, is expected to cure the other two if they are defective. It was returned after Warriner was a witness before the grand jury yesterday, and is based upon a verbal statement which Warriner claims was made to him by Mrs. Ford seven years ago.

WARRINER DEPARTS TODAY.

"It is at Warriner's own request that he will be taken to the "pen" today. The prosecutors were anxious to have him remain here until after the trial of Mrs. Ford, but Warriner did not want to be made to wait. Under his sentence of six years he can earn "good-time" which will cut his sentence down to three years, nine months and 18 days. Therefore, every day means much to Warriner. So long as he is held here he cannot commence upon that sentence, and it means just that many more days in confinement for him, while if he is taken to Columbus and enters the penitentiary he begins immediately upon the service of his sentence, and he could then be brought back here for the Ford trial and kept for weeks, and his sentence would be running, whether he was in jail here or within the walls of the big institution. Warriner has already lost a week here since he was sentenced, and he does not wish to lose any more time.

"Warriner will be taken aboard the B. & O. S. W. train that leaves at 8 o'clock this morning, and will arrive at Columbus at 11:30. The sheriff will leave the train at the Dennison avenue station, in Columbus, as that is but a short distance from the "pen," and within a few moments later Warriner, confessed embezzler of nearly three quarters of a million dollars, will be given a serial number, along with the colored quartette that go up with him. He will then lose his identity for three years, nine months and 18 days, for it will be by his serial number that he will be known during his incarceration."

JIM M'GUIRE SEEKS HIS CHILD

James McGuire, of the local waterworks force, was given assistance in the form of a letter of identification from the police headquarters Friday morning to enable him to recover his child, now supposed to be in a Cincinnati children's home.

McGuire was deserted by his wife several months ago. She took their child and placed it in an institution located in Cincinnati. Mr. McGuire is a hardworking man and has been twice deserted by his wife. He will take immediate steps toward finding and claiming his lost child.

Giving Coal To the Poor

The board of public service was kept busy Friday signing vouchers, furnishing coal to the poor and settling up the year's business in general.

HOMER DAVENPORT, CARTOONIST, WHO SUFFERS NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Homer C. Davenport, cartoonist, is seriously ill at the home of a friend in San Francisco. He is suffering from a complete nervous collapse, and his physician regards his condition as critical. Mr. Davenport's recent domestic difficulties are believed to have been responsible for his breakdown. Homer Davenport is distinctly a produce of the west. He was born on an Oregon farm in 1867 ,never attended an art school and was successively jockey, railroad fireman and circus clown before he became a cartoonist on the San Francisco Examiner. He gained his first national fame by cartooning the late Mark Hanna in a dollar mark suit, and, oddly enough, he and the Ohioan became fast friends through these pictures. Davenport visited Arabia a few years ago and imported twenty seven Arabian horses.

Julia, the Hugger Wanted Law

Julia Ware, the woman living on West Front street, who hugged and tried to kiss Constable Abner Pyles when he went to collect some furniture in her house belonging to the Peerless House Furnishing Co., was a visitor at Squire Hall's office Thursday afternoon. She was accompanied by her attorney, Theo K. Funk. She set up a terrible racket bout the furniture company taking her goods and wanted them "fixed" for it. When he had learned the facts Mr. Funk advised the Ware woman not to bring the trouble into the courts, because her creditors were perfectly justified in taking the furniture, valued at $37, away from her house. She moderated her tone as she left the squire's office, thanked her lawyer for his advice and made her exit.

N. & W. Engineers To Meet the Officials

Engineers J. W. Foley and W. L. Bayless have been named as a committee from the local order of B. of L. E. to attend a general meeting of engineers to be held at Roanoke on January 7th at which time the engineers will submit their yearly demands to the officials of the N. and W. Ry.

Neither Engineer Foley nor Engineer Bayless were in a position to state what the demands would be, in fact they refused to discuss the question in any form. It is said in some quarters that the engineers would insist upon a ten per cent increase, while in other quarters it is said the wage scale will not be discussed.

The engineers anticipate no trouble whatever in reaching an agreement with the officials. The meeting will likely last several days.

PAPERS LATE FRIDAY A. M.

On account of the frozen condition of the Ohio river local subscribers of the Cincinnati penny papers did not receive their dailies until quite late Friday morning. They come here on the C. and O., and are brought across the river at this point. However, the express men were afraid to risk crossing the ice and the papers were taken on to Kenova, where they were transferred on the N. and W. and forwarded to Portsmouth.

Choir Rehearsal.

All Saints choir rehearsal will be omitted this evening.

J. D. HERRON.

Attending Auto Show

R. S. Prichard left Friday morning for Columbus where he will be in attendance to the big automobile show to be held in the Board of Trade Auditorium. The show will be the largest ever held in Ohio, and it is quite likely several autoists from this city will go up Saturday.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES HOLD MEETING

The library trustees held a meeting Friday morning and fixed up the "budget" for the coming year. They didn't have as much trouble over it as the British parliament had with its budget.

Young And Old With the Police

A man by the name of Walker and his wife, a woman thirty years his senior, came to the police station Thursday night and asked to be lodged for the night. They claimed their home at Bellaire, O., and were on their way to Louisville, O. Their last penny was spent for car fare from the N. & W. depot to the mayor's office. They seemed to be in destitute circumstances and were furnished transportation along their intended route as far as Cincinnati.

SAYS C. & O. HAS BOOZE SPECIAL

The Maysville Ledger says that there was a fight on the C. & O.'s train No. 16 Tuesday evening just after it pulled out from Market street at Maysville. The "booze special" was loaded down with plain and fancy drunks in all stages of intoxication, and when the fracas begun there was a general row, which continued for six miles up the road, the train crew making no efforts to quell the riot, so we are informed. One fellow pulled a knife but was too drunk to cut anyone but himself. There were a half a score of battered heads, otherwise they came out all right."

Commenting on this the Manchester Signal says:

"Worse than taht brother. It was the regular old rough-and-tumble scrap, with a young buck making a real punching bag of an old gentleman while several of his friends stood by and looked on and the conductor and brakeman of the train took to their heels. If any one is anxious to have their head thumped or their body perforated with bullets, just let them take passage on the 'booze special' and you'll be accommodated. It is a shame and a disgrace that the traveling public is compelled to put up with such actions."

K. OF P.

Members of Massie Lodge No 115 Knights of Pythias please note that the regular meeting night has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday. 30-3

GRISWOLD IS MESSENGER

William Griswold, son of Charles Griswold, well known grocer, has accepted a position with the Southern Express company as messenger on the Cincinnati division of the N. & W., and is now learning the road preparatory to getting a regular run. He but recently quit his job as fireman on the N. & W., preferring to waiting until he got to be considerably older before buckling down to such a strenuous career.

NOTICE.

To The Stockholders of the Portsmouth Savings and Loan Co.

At the annual election which will be held January 3, from 6:00 until 7:30 p. m. at the office of the company, there will be offered for adoption by the members a new constitution for the purpose of complying with the amended building association laws. Any one may see a copy by calling at the office of the company.

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DOCTOR'S AUTO BREAKS DOWN

While driving his electric runabout down Chillicothe street Friday at noon, Dr. P. J. Kline was suddenly dumped to the bottom of the machine when the steel spindle broke in two. Fortunately, the car was only moving at a very slow gait whn the accident occurred or the popular physician might have been thrown headlong against the glass front and injured. The accident occurred near the postoffice, and a large crowd soon collected, following a rumor that the machine had been struck by a street car. A flaw in the casting caused the breakdown. The machine was hauled to the Prichard garage where it will be repaired.

New Firm Contractors

Ironton is soon to have another general construction company, which will be known as the Ironton Contracting company. S. G. Black and John Francisco, both well known and successful contractors will be the active members of the firm, and there will be two more members whose names have not yet been made public.

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WATCH PARTY AT SKELTON HOMESTEAD

Captain and Mrs. James Skelton are to be at home to a number of their friends Friday evening for an enjoyable watch meeting at their commodious home at 41 East Ninth street. The special guests of this highly esteemed couple will be about half a hundred members of Bethany Presbyterian church at New Boston, at which place Captain Skelton formerly resided, and in which congregation Mrs. Skelton was always an active member. Other guests will be present from this city and vicinity.

The New Boston folks will come down by street car and return after they have watched the old year out, on a special car after midnight. Some time ago Captain Skelton bought the former Park hospital property and has had it remodeled so that now it is one of the most comfortable homes in the city, and admirably suited for such a large function as this one promises to be.

Barber Shops Open Tonight

All of the barber shops in the city will be open tonight until eleven o'clock and will close on Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m. Patrons will please take notice of the change in plans.

STOVE PLANT IS BURNED

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 31.—At 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon the Boggess Stove Foundry at Seventeenth street and Second avenue was found to be on fire, the flames bursting from the roof. Despite the fact that two heavy streams of water were playing on the fire, it was found impossible to check the progress of the flames until the building and all the patterns, as well as a considerable quantity of material, had been destroyed.

The fire originated in the engine room. The building was almost completely wrecked. Some parts of the wall will need to be reconstructed before it can again be put under roof. The loss is estimated at $5000. The plant was insured for $3500.

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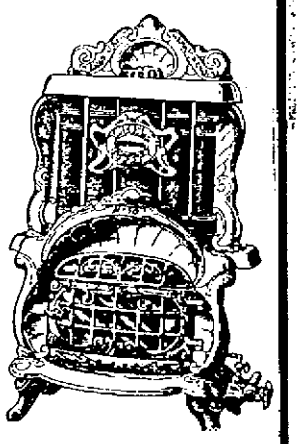

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